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NEWSLETTER
FOR THE
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MEDICAL PRACTICE

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Festive Season Opening Times

Monday 25th December 2017 – CLOSED
Tuesday 26th December 2017 – CLOSED
Wednesday 27th December 2017 – As Normal
Thursday 28th December 2017 – As Normal
Friday 29th December 2017 – As Normal
Saturday 30th December 2017 – CLOSED
Sunday 31st December 2017 – CLOSED
Monday 1st January 2018 – CLOSED

Normal surgery opening times will resume from
Tuesday 2nd January 2018.

**Remember to order enough repeat medication for the
Christmas and New Year Period**

Out of Hours Services Information

If you require a doctor urgently when the surgery is closed **dial 111.**

Other Services

Minor Injury Units: Caterham Dene Hospital – 9am – 8pm, 7 days a week (over 18's only) - **01883 837500**

Urgent Treatment Centre: Crawley Hospital – 24 hours, 7 days a week – **01293 600300**
ext. 4141 or 4142

Don't forget your pharmacy services

In the event of a life threatening emergency dial **999** and ask for 'AMBULANCE'



**WE WISH ALL OUR PATIENTS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
FROM BIRCHWOOD MEDICAL PRACTICE AND SUPPORT GROUP**

Important Announcement

Local NHS services continue to be under pressure and local GP surgeries are at the forefront of providing NHS care. We need to tackle these challenges head on to meet the needs of our patients in the future. The Partners at Birchwood are in the process of deciding to merge with Smallfield and Townhill (Caterham) surgeries as a Modality Practice. All three surgeries share the same ethos regarding patient care and are looking forward to working together.

Modality is a GP partnership originally founded in Birmingham and now operates nationally. We believe that by operating on a larger scale it will make Birchwood more resilient for the future and meet the growing needs and expectations of our patients. It will help us provide better patient care with the advantages of working collaboratively to pool resources and share best practice.

Birchwood will become a Modality Practice in January 2018 and we will continue to keep all our patients updated.

Dr. Elango Vijaykumar (Senior Partner)



Flu Clinic

To date approximately 3000 vaccinations have been given at Birchwood. If you are eligible for a vaccination please make an appointment.

Spotlight on Health

Birchwood offer general medical services, but some of our clinicians have special interests in certain areas:

- Elderly medicine / Musculoskeletal
 - Cardiology
 - Minor Surgery
 - Minor Surgery / Family Planning / Women's Health
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 - Diabetes
 - Respiratory
- Dr Robert Baur
Dr Mel Fegan
Dr Tom Rustom
Dr Ekta Tyagi
Dr Josna Kandi
Sarah Cameron (Adv. Nurse Practitioner)
Moira Murray (Practice Nurse)

Stop Smoking Clinic

Make 2018 the year to give up smoking. Give the surgery a ring and make an appointment.

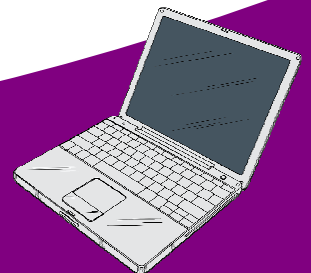


...and finally

The Birchwood Patient Support Group meets three times a year. We are updated on the changes at the surgery, regarding staff and GP's and the number of patients registered, The group raise concerns which could affect our patients including local house building, the closure of the library and the adjacent car park. We have also raised NHS funding of patients in East Surrey with our local MP. A series of talks have been arranged for our patients to attend. New members always welcome. Our next meeting will be on Monday 15th January 2018 at 6.15 pm.

Liz James (Chairman)

Current Birchwood list size 16,431.



Useful Information...

East Surrey Hospital	01737 768511
Crawley Hospital	01293 600300
Emergency Dental Line	0845 271 2040
Family Planning	01293 772053
Midwives	01293 768511 ext 6822

Out of Hours 111

The "Health Help Now" Web App

www.healthhelpnow-nhs.net

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