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Launch of New Pharmacist-Run Clinic Inside a Community Pharmacy

The Pharmacists Clinic is a convenient one-stop shop for clinic visits and prescriptions!

San Diego, CA – August 22, 2016 – Point Loma recently welcomed The Pharmacists Clinic and the addition of clinical health services in the local, family-owned pharmacy, Point Loma Shelter Island Drug. We are the first pharmacy in San Diego to provide consultations with clinical pharmacists, prescriptions issued by clinical pharmacists, and lab testing. Patients are able to conveniently schedule a same-day, evening, or weekend appointment online. This means no more taking the day off work or spending hours in a waiting room. All clinic visits take place in a private room in the pharmacy where nobody can hear or see the conversation.

The Pharmacists Clinic is now offering important preventative health services, including consultations and prescriptions for birth control, lab tests, naloxone opioid rescue, and nicotine replacement therapy. We can order and interpret over 2000 lab tests such as cholesterol, thyroid, and blood glucose for very affordable and transparent prices. Women can meet with our clinical pharmacist, Dr. Sally Rafie, for a personalized birth control consultation and leave with a prescription for birth control pills, patch, ring, or shot. We also offer prescriptions for nicotine replacement therapy to help our patients quit smoking and naloxone opioid rescue in case of an emergency opioid overdose situation. Services will soon be expanded to include all vaccines and travel meds.

Dr. Sally Rafie, a board-certified pharmacotherapy specialist and licensed pharmacist, founded the Pharmacists Clinic. Dr. Rafie specializes in women's health and preventive health. She completed her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from UC San Francisco and residency training at UC San Diego. "People want to take care of their bodies and control their health. We're here to help make that easier." (Dr. Sally Rafie)

Dr. Rafie is able to offer these services because of a recent law in California that expands the scope of pharmacist practice to increase access to vital public health services and medications. "We're not here to replace your physicians, but rather offer an additional, convenient point of care and medication expertise. If you have a primary care physician, we will be sure to keep them in the loop." (Dr. Sally Rafie)

The Pharmacists Clinic and Point Loma Shelter Island Drug have a unique collaboration to offer these clinical services to the San Diego community! Point Loma Shelter Island Drug is a beloved, family-owned pharmacy established in 1924 and owned by pharmacist Michael Saad, with a second location called Point Loma Cabrillo Drug.

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