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## Fallon to close Charlton clinic

### Four primary care physicians moving to Harrington facility

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**CHARLTON** — Fallon Clinic on Route 169 will close on Jan. 15, spokeswoman Linda Coccola said yesterday.

Four of its five primary care doctors are leaving for Harrington Physician Services, an affiliate of Southbridge-based Harrington Hospital.

A multispecialty medical group practice with sites throughout the region, Fallon has had a clinic in Charlton for 17 years.

Dr. Asjad Ali will stay with Fallon and be relocated to its Holden office, Ms. Coccola said.

Harrington said Drs. Martin Devine, Leah Doret, Elizabeth Fuller and Monika Mathur left Fallon for Harrington.

Ms. Coccola said some advanced practitioners are being moved to other areas. Fallon had sent staff for rehabilitation, mammography and cardiology to the Charlton office.

"We're going to try to keep as much as we can locally but most of the specialties will also have to move because our site will no longer exist," Ms. Coccola said.

Letters Fallon is sending to patients are likely to hit the streets tomorrow. It is also trying to refer patients to accessible doctors if they want to stay with Fallon. Patients can still use Fallon Clinic specialists if they have a trusted relationship they want to maintain, she said.

The four doctors headed to Harrington have at least 12,000 patients in their practice, Chief Executive Officer Edward H. Moore said.

"I don't know how many will move but probably a good number is our guess," he said.

They will work at Harrington HealthCare at a Charlton medical office building under construction at 10 North Main St., taking their new posts Feb. 1, when the building opens.

Mr. Moore said one of the four doctors approached Harrington, indicating several months ago they were interested in keeping their patients locally.

"Fallon Clinic's model and some of their contracts require patients to go to Worcester," he said. "When they started talking to us we were able to alleviate some of that concern and have them be able to see their patients in their office, but also get the rest of their care locally for outpatient testing and inpatient over at Harrington (in neighboring Southbridge)."

There may be cases when a patient needs care in Worcester, he said, adding it's up to the doctor and his or her view of what's in the patient's best interest.

All four doctors decided they enjoyed practicing together, he said.

Harrington was able to offer new equipment in a new building whose upper floor will be mostly primary care doctors and space for specialists, and a lower floor with an imaging lab, wound care and other services.

"We're happy about their decision," Mr. Moore said. "We made it attractive, I think, for them and we're going to hire appropriate staff to support them. The building will be Class A office space."

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Harrington, which already had five physicians at other sites in Charlton, is attempting to grow beyond the 17 towns it covers. It is opening the region's first advanced cancer treatment center, a \$14-million, two-story, free-standing facility at 55 Sayles St. in Southbridge.

The Department of Public Health was at the facility all day yesterday, and Harrington expects to see patients at the center tomorrow or Thursday on the upper floor for medical oncology and chemotherapy. Patients have been seen for radiation treatment on the lower floor since June.

A portion of the property the four new doctors will move into in Charlton, at the intersection of Route 20, already houses an MRI service aided by physicians from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

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