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*Medical Group P.L.L.C.*

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**YEARS OF  
QUALITY CARE  
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## PROVEN RESULTS...

### SHARING EXPERTISE AND RESOURCES SINCE 1938

The idea for a multi-specialty group practice here in Utica started back in 1938 when Dr. Millard Slocum, Dr. Charles Dickson, and Dr. William Dickson consolidated their practices and rented space at 258 Genesee Street. The physician owned Slocum-Dickson Medical Group then purchased a building at 430 Court Street, where they remained until moving to their current Burrstone Road location in 1989.

Today, the practice includes over 70 physicians and 550 staff members serving 1,800 patients per day. And, except for branch offices in Rome and Iliion, it's all still under one roof. This means that a patient's primary care physician could refer her to a specialist who might then recommend an ancillary service...all in the same building!

So, how does a multi-specialty group practice like Slocum-Dickson deliver better care to its patients? First off, the physicians who practice there are also the owners. Your doctor is responsible to his patients and his fellow physicians, not any outside corporation or financial institution. Practicing physicians hire the new physicians and the employees all work for the group.

You know that when your

primary care physician refers you to a specialist within the group, that specialist meets the same high standards you're used to with your primary physician. In fact, your physician probably had a say in hiring the specialist. You trust your primary care doctor, and you can trust the credentials of the specialists to whom he sends you.

Since the employees work for the group, there are administrators who handle employee related issues. If a nurse is sick for the day, others can take over. The doctors don't worry about it, leaving them free to think about their patients.

Another thing about a multi-specialty group is the relationship between doctors. The close proximity to each other creates an atmosphere where doctors with different specialties interact, learning from each other along the way.

And the ancillary services at Slocum-Dickson mean patients can get their blood work done or a CAT scan in the same building that their physician is located. They can also pick up a prescription or get their hearing aids serviced right there at Burrstone Road. There's even an Urgent Care Center for minor emergencies, which is used by Slocum-Dickson's patients and the community at large.

## CENTRICITY...

### COMPUTERS CONNECTING PATIENTS AND DOCTORS

Slocum-Dickson's state-of-the-art automated medical record system strengthens it as a close-knit healthcare community. Called the Centricity Physician Office Electronic Medical Record System, or just Centricity, your health records are easily available to the doctors and nurses who need them. This reduces the risk that vital information about you will slip thru the cracks. And, whether you are seeing two or maybe three doctors, they all have access to the same information. It's up to date and easily available.

Using Centricity your healthcare team can view your office chart, visit notes, allergies, medications, problems, and lab results from their office, hospital, or home. In the past, a physician would either have to go back to his office to view a patient's chart or call to have the office staff fax information to the hospital so they could admit a patient. If a physician is on call, they have the ability to view your chart from their home while on the phone with you. This access is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

You don't have to worry whether your primary care physician in one location sent your records to your specialist in another. Or whether the records he/she did send were complete.

...time can be of the essence, and your valuable information is available to all the physicians at Slocum-Dickson on a moment's notice.

This system of patient records is convenient and it's also better treatment. That's because doctors are assured they have a full and complete report, plus the physicians who treated you are easily available to each other.

Each physician's input to the single patient record adds power to the diagnosis and treatment of future illnesses. This set of notes provides an up-to-date holistic picture so that every doctor a patient sees will be able to familiarize himself or herself with the patient and have their history right at their fingertips.

One of the latest updates to the computer automation at Slocum-Dickson is in the Radiology Department, where a Radiology Information System (RIS) and Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS) has been installed. With these two systems the radiologists and technicians can work together seamlessly. The department can customize patient and image tracking along with outcome and statistical analysis.

As far as computer technology and automation goes, Slocum-Dickson is the future right now. And their Mohawk Valley patients are thankful for it.

