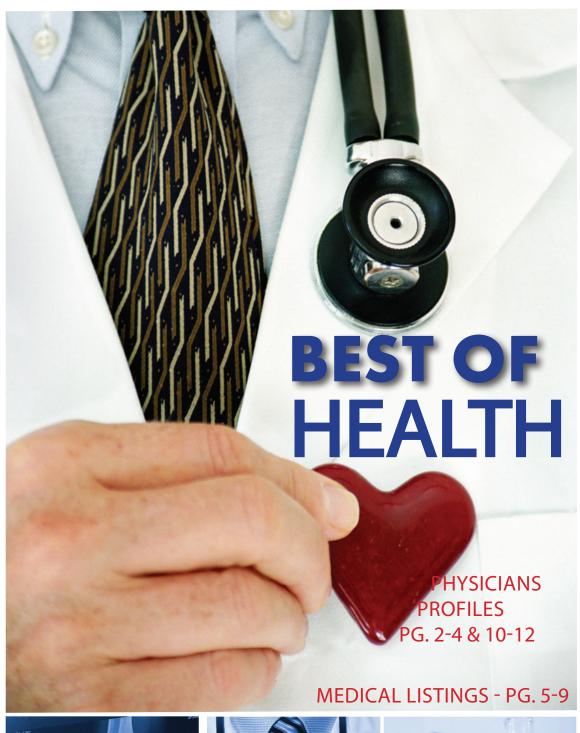
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# Health care: value without sacrificing quality

If there is one thing that the recent health care debate made clear, it is that Americans are unwilling to trade quality for economy when it comes to their health. But with the growing shortage of primary care physicians in the United States and an aging population, one trend born in underserved areas of the country may have the ability to cut costs without sacrificing quality: the use of non-physician professionals, such as physician assistants and nurse practitioners, in primary care facilities.

Physician assistants and nurse practitioners can provide clear benefits for the financial side of the health care industry. When patients see a physician assistant or nurse practitioner instead of a physician, medical practices are able to serve more patients for a lower cost while receiving the same amount in reimbursement for many procedures. This is because the non-physician professionals are paid less than physicians, yet many services are reimbursed the same, regardless of which practitioner provides the care.

"Using non-physician professionals can increase the effectiveness of the clinic's providers by allowing the physician assistant or nurse practitioner to take care of less complicated patient issues and leaving the physician to treat the more complex cases," Marta E. Urdaneta, Ph.D., chair of the healthcare management program at the Savannah, Ga., campus of South University.

Urdaneta says that in rural and other under-served areas, non-physician professionals have been providing care for years, but the pattern is increasing even in more dense and affluent areas.

But are patients comfortable with being treated by med-

ical professionals without "MD" behind their names? Doris Parrish, RN, Ph.D., nursing program director at South University's Savannah campus, says that Americans have a growing acceptance of care provided by non-physicians.

"Patients are not only becoming more used to receiving care from nurse practitioners and other non-physician providers, but they aren't seeing any reduction in the quality of care," says Parrish. "And, in fact, patient satisfaction scores are very good for both physician assistants and nurse practitioners."

Recent studies, including ones published in the journals of the American Academy of Physician Assistants (2006) and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (2007), have found that in routine situations, patients trust the technical competence of physicians and non-physician providers alike.

But patient satisfaction is about communication as well as competence. And since physicians usually have responsibility for more patients than non-physician providers do, a nurse practitioner or physician assistant may have more time to talk to patients - and to listen to them.

Being able to navigate the complex diagnoses and treatment options in modern medicine is important. And since non-physician professionals work under the supervision of a physician, they can seek advice and confirmation of decisions when necessary.

"As each member of the team focuses on an aspect of care from their professional perspective, it is vital that all work together in order to provide seamless, quality service without unnecessary costs or complications."

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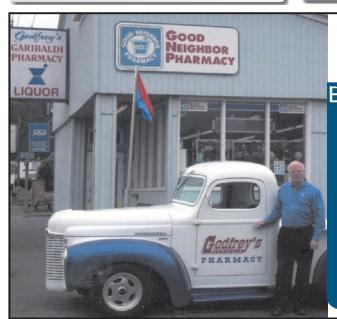
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# **HEALTHY LIVING**



The payoff for hikers along the coast range is often fabulous views of the Pacific Ocean and surrounding terrain. Photo by Dave Fisher

# 'Peak' your interest? Try these area hikes

By Janice Gaines

ealthy living means giving to yourself some healthy goals, why not become a "peak-bagger?"

I love the term "peak bagger." I even like to apply that term to myself, and it's not as bad as it sounds. According to Wikipedia: Peak bagging (also hill bagging, mountain bagging or just bagging) is an activity in which hill walkers and mountaineers attempt to reach the summit of some collection of peaks, usually those above some height in a particular region, or having a particular feature.

We live at the base of the Oregon coast mountain range. We all may take it for granted, and it's beauty sometimes goes unnoticed. The oldest portions of the range are over 60 million years and very rich in history. This coastal range creates a rain shadow effect for the Willamette Valley. This affect causes more precipitation to fall on the west side contributing to the numerous rivers that we all enjoy. (Also a good reason to own an excellent rain jacket and pair of boots.)

Why not take on a new hobby and become a "peak bagger" this year and go out there and enjoy this treasure, the Oregon coast range? It makes for a fun and challenging approach to get healthier and enjoy nature. This can involve all ages, a perfect way for family to enjoy time together.

I have a list made up of peaks to enjoy in this area and created some guidelines that help create that list.

- Proximity to where you live. In essence, how far do you have to drive to get to the starting point?
- How much time will this adventure take? Some peaks are a day adventure and some are an hour or so.
- What is the pay off? Some peaks have a big payday at the top and others are just there to do. Maybe the workout is great or the goodies along the hike are great, like a waterfall or....
- What is the history of the peak; geographically and historically? Lots of history around here. It can be fun to read about the area first.

# 1. Rogers Peak 3,706 ft.: The highest peak in Tillamook County

Located in the Tillamook Forest eight miles north of Lee's Camp on Highway 6, this hike is a 3.5 miles round-trip with an 1,100-foot elevation gain. What I love about this peak, besides being the highest in Tillamook County, is that the origin of this mountain began 40 million years ago in the Eocene age. The sediment is partially marine in nature and it is hypothesized that parts of the coast range use to be islands out in the ocean.

# 2. Saddle Mountain 3,288 ft.: The highest peak in Clatsop County

Located seven miles off Highway 26, just east of Seaside, this is a six-mile trek round trip to the top with lots of vistas along the way. A young mountain only 15 million years old, it is a bit more challenging of a hike but worth it, especially in the spring. The wildflowers are amazing with over 300 species, some even rare to this area only.

# 3. Neahkahnie Mountain 1680 ft. A mountain rich in history.

Located in Oswald West State Park on Highway 101, just a mile north of Manzanita, this is one of the more popular hikes on the coast. (It is harder to spell correctly than it is to hike.) The name is in Tillamook language and is translated as "the place of the supreme deity." This is a three-mile round trip with 840 feet in elevation gain.

These three peaks are the most famous ones for the area. You can start out "bagging" those or you can start smaller and less "famous." Here is a list of peaks that I personally want to bag that are in my neck of the woods (literally).

In alphabetical order: Cole Mountain, Crab Rock Pillar, Craig Mountain, Doty Hill, Foley Peak, Green Hill, High Butte, Kidders Butte, Onion Peak, Rock Mountain, Round Mountain, Sugarloaf Mountain and Tilden Bluff Cliffs.

I live in Manzanita and all these peak's starting points are within 20 minutes from my house! Some of these destinations require maps and some knowledge of the area.

I like to carry lots of food and water, a cell phone, a flashlight and hot pink ribbon to tie on trees if I take a turn I want to remember. Keep in mind to dress according to weather conditions. Always think of smart layers and a top layer to keep wind and water off. Hats and gloves are always in my pack. Remember there is no bad weather just a bad clothing choice!

A good source of information can be found at www.mountainzone.com and www.peakbaggers.com

One more thing: Hiking is not only good for you physically but it can help us to tune into our true nature. It gives us a chance to reconnect with the natural world and ourselves. Hiking gives us a time to feel the presence of something bigger then us, a moment to communicate with our higher self and listen. You will experience a new joy, delight and energy! Be sure to leave nothing behind and take only photos.

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