

Ka Leo 'O Ke Aloha Me Ka Leo 'O Ke Ola

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SPECIAL EDITION E.R. Back In The State Budget!

The State Legislature has moved to restore full funding for 24-hour emergency room services, including laboratory and x-ray at the Health Center.

This action could not have happened without the strong support of our community, including those attending town meetings, our State Legislators, Senator Colleen Hanabusa, Representatives Michael Kahikina and Emily Auwae, and Governor Ben Cayetano.

Mahalo!

More than Just an ER

The Comprehensive recently contracted with Ward Research to survey Waianae residents about what they thought about the Health Center. While the survey showed a positive response from the community, one result was really surprising:

Many people only know the Comprehensive as an emergency care Center.

Did you know the Comprehensive has?

Yes No

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Over 20 primary care physicians and nurse practitioners to choose from |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 Family Medical Clinics from Waipahu to Waianae Mall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Expanded evening and weekend hours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | On-site Specialists |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Telemedicine linkage to in town Specialists |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | A superior quality dental clinic with choice of 3 experienced Dentists and a hygienist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Alternative and Integrative Medicine including Hawaii Healing Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Nutrition and health education programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 24 hour on-site Laboratory and X-ray |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Women's Health Clinic with latest ultrasound equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Confidential Behavioral Health and substance abuse treatment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Quest enrollment and financial assistance service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | On-site Pharmacy open 6 days a week |

Answer – All Yes!

Comp On the Web

Choose your family doctor, learn the history of the Comprehensive, read latest featured articles, and more – all on our new Web Site: www.wcchc.com

QUEST OPEN ENROLLMENT

May 1 – 15 is open enrollment for the QUEST Program. This is your one chance this year to change your QUEST health plan. Some important news for you:

- To see doctors at the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, you must choose one of these 4 Plans:
 - AlohaCare
 - HMSA
 - Queen's
 - Kapiolani
- If you are already enrolled in one of these Plans, and are happy with your choice, you do not have to return the QUEST enrollment form sent to you this month.
- If you are currently enrolled in Straub or Kaiser QUEST Plans and want to go to the Comprehensive, you must mail in your QUEST enrollment form by May 15, and change to one of the Plans above.

Disclosure: AlohaCare is owned in part by the people of the Waianae Coast.

"Comp" to Expand Pediatric Services

The "Comp" welcomes our newest pediatrician in September- Dr. Kelli-Ann Noelani Voloch. A graduate of the Kamehameha Schools and the University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine, Dr. Voloch is familiar with the Health Center through her time spent training in the Ke Ola O Hawaii program.

The Health Center now has 5 of the top pediatricians in the state serving our community. AND they will be expanding evening and weekend hours at all clinics to meet the health care needs of your children.

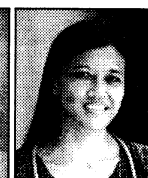
Meet our family of pediatricians:



Dr. Janet Berreman



Dr. May Okihiro



Dr. Melinda Santhany



Dr. Vija Sehgal



Dr. Kelli-Ann Voloch

New Doctor Comes Home

Alean Iwalani Cook-Palmer, MD is joining the Health Center 'ohana in September. Alean has a special relationship with the community and we're proud she wants to call the



Health Center home. Born and raised in Nānākuli, Alean spent many hours on site for her medical training. We also had the pleasure of supporting Alean through our Scholarship Program.

Her grandmother, Myrtle Mokiao, who recently passed away and who was a board member and Kupuna, would be equally proud of her accomplishments, and that she is back home serving her community.

Alean graduated from Nānākuli High School and went on to the University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine, graduating in 1997. So come September, join us in welcoming Alean as she starts providing services as a family practitioner.