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NEWS RELEASE

Arthritis Center Prepares for the Swine Flu

H1N1 is coming and one Frederick medical facility is prepared with a set of guidelines that have been posted and communicated to staff and patients.

“We don’t know what the impact of this pending epidemic will be. We want to let our patients know we have instituted precautions in our office that will protect both them as well as our staff,” states Susan Rock.

“These guidelines have been adapted from bulletins published by Communicable Diseases Center in Atlanta as well as state organizations. In our office we place a high premium on having easy to follow and clearly defined processes,” Mrs. Rock goes on to say.

“Preparation is the key to dealing with these issues. Many of our patients are immunosuppressed and anything we can do to minimize the risk of infection is obviously important,” concludes Mrs. Rock.

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For a copy of the guidelines prepared by the Arthritis and Osteoporosis Center of Maryland, call (301) 694-5800.

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