

# How technology transforms your visit

### Geisinger HEALTH PLAN

Technology is working at Geisinger to create a better, more efficient patient experience. Here's how we're using technology to be the best in healthcare for you.

#### **Ambient documentation**

Your next visit might benefit from ambient documentation. With your permission, your physician uses an app that records your conversation and makes notes for your medical record. That way, they can focus on you instead of the keyboard.

Afterward, the doctor reviews and signs the recorded notes. The notes go securely into your record, and the data from your conversation is gone from the server after 30 days. Information is never stored on the doctor's device.

Right now, ambient documentation is available mostly in primary care and a few specialties.

### Virtual nursing

Nursing shortages are straining healthcare organizations nationwide. To support our nurse workforce, we're using virtual nursing technology to handle some administrative responsibilities for hospitalized patients. These nurses speak with you via video through an iPad, giving your bedside nurses more time to care for you face to face.

### Facial recognition check-in

This technology is already available at many kiosks and reception desks throughout Geisinger's service area, with more to come. Once you're enrolled, a camera identifies your face when you arrive for your appointment. The benefits? Better security — you don't risk anyone overhearing your personal information — and a quicker check-in. Enroll at your next appointment!

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#### **Hello Patient**

The new Hello Patient feature lets you tell us when you're in the clinic reception area and ready for your appointment. Just log into your MyGeisinger account via the MyChart app and mark your arrival or use 2-way texting to let us know you've arrived.

Don't have a MyGeisinger account? Sign up at mygeisinger.org, then download the MyChart app to take advantage of all the convenient features.

### **Hospital at Home**

Through in-home visits, virtual check-ins and remote monitoring, Geisinger's Hospital at Home program offers hospital-level care — right where you live. As a patient, you'll have all the comforts of home, plus

quality care. Hospital at Home is covered by your insurance, just like an inpatient hospital stay.

Ideal candidates are recovering from a condition that requires hospitalization, but not around-the-clock observation. If you're eligible for Hospital at Home, you'll get:

- Daily in-person and virtual visits from your medical team
- A device that monitors your vital signs
- A tablet with a call bell that connects you with your medical team (no Wi-Fi needed)
- Any needed treatments, oxygen or medical equipment

When technology is skillfully applied, it enhances the human, personalized care you've come to expect from all your healthcare team members.

### **Tips for winter workouts**

As the temperature drops, it's tempting to curl up under a blanket and skip your workout. But staying active in cold weather is doable — and it supports your health and well-being. With just a few smart precautions, you can keep moving safely all season long.

#### Check the weather.

If it's snowy or icy, be extra cautious on slippery sidewalks and roads. Make sure you're wearing non-skid, rubber-soled shoes to guard against falls. And don't forget to bundle up. Dressing in layers regulates your body temperature, and a hat, scarf and gloves will keep you warm and protected from the chill.

### If the weather's really bad, stay indoors.

There are plenty of ways to get your heart rate up without

stepping outside. Try a workout video, stretch with some yoga or even walk laps around your house. If you're looking for a change of scenery, head to a local mall for a safe indoor walk.

### Preparedness is key.

Whether you're heading out for a jog or a brisk walk, it's always a good idea to let someone know where you're going. Better yet, bring a buddy along. And don't forget to carry a fully charged cell phone just in case.

Before starting any new exercise routine, be sure to check in with your doctor. Your safety and health always come first.

Want to explore more wellness opportunities? From webinars to mindfulness sessions and interactive challenges, there's

something for everyone. Visit **go.geisinger.org/wellnesscalendar** or scan the QR code to learn more.





## Breathe easy this flu season: Get a flu shot

Getting a yearly flu vaccine is a simple, effective way to protect yourself and others — and there's no cost to you. It reduces your risk of serious illness, hospitalization and complications. Vaccination also slows the spread of flu in your community, easing the burden on healthcare systems. Stay healthy and protect others by getting vaccinated.

 You can make an appointment by logging into MyGeisinger/MyChart.

 Call 866-915-2313 to schedule an appointment.

 Walk into any Geisinger doctor's office,
ConvenientCare (age 9 or older) or pharmacy.

Find a nearby location to get your flu shot at **geisinger.org/ghpflu**.

## Using filters in Neighborly for personalized results

Need food, help with utilities or housing support? Neighborly is Geisinger's resource platform that helps you find free or low-cost services nearby. It has programs in every zip code in Pennsylvania. And it's easy to narrow down the list, so you only see the programs that fit your needs.

To start a search using a filter, follow these steps:

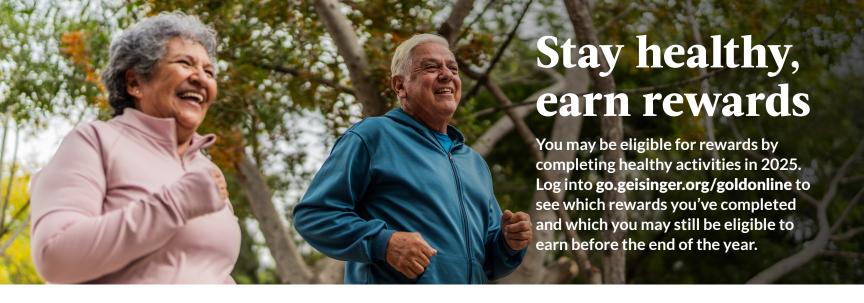
- 1. Go to neighborlypa.com.
- 2. Select "Find community resources near me."
- 3. Enter your zip code.
- 4. Search for a program by choosing an icon at the top, such as "Food," or enter a keyword or program name in the search bar at the top left.

There are 3 filter choices at the top of the screen: personal filters (e.g., your age, if you're a parent, if you're a veteran), program filters (what hours the program is open or what language they speak), and income eligibility (help identifying programs that meet your needs). These filters help you find programs that are a good match for you.



Neighborly is also available as an app for Apple or Android.





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