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GCH Offers Prostate Cancer Screen

GALION - March 18 has been selected as the date for a reduced-cost prostate clinic at the Specialty Center of Galion Community Hospital. Designed to be convenient and inexpensive, appointments will include an exam by either by Dr. David Fitkin or Dr. Roberto Concepcion and a PSA lab test. A $10 fee will cover both the test and the exam.

Prostate cancer screening is not appropriate for every man, but it is recommended for men between the ages of 40 and 80, or younger with a family history of prostate cancer, and for African American men. "PSA screening can be done with a simple blood test," explained Wendy Butz, RN, BSN, manager of the Education department of Galion Community Hospital. "However, there's more than just one type of prostate cancer, and a PSA screen is not a universal test. Therefore, the physical exam is still an important part of evaluating the prostate. We're offering both. Americans recognize breast cancer awareness and the importance of using a mammogram as a detection tool, now I'd like to see the same focus given to prostate cancer and see if we can create the same attention."

The clinic hours will be from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and participants are required to have an appointment. For questions or to set up an appointment, call (419) 468-0645. Space is limited.

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