



COEM Explains the Benefits of the Integrative Patient Centric Approach In Functional Medicine

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The Center for Occupational & Environmental Medicine (COEM) is offering patients the chance to benefit from the patient-centric approach that is characteristic of functional medicine.

Functional medicine takes a different route to diagnosing and curing the body's ailments than traditional medicine. In conventional medicine, practitioners investigate the symptoms of a particular illness and then focus their care on treating those conditions in isolation. The consequence is that the root cause of a particular health condition is never found and treated, often resulting in an acute problem becoming a chronic long term condition. Functional Medicine on the other hand looks to treat the whole person by investigating their Total Body Stress Load. This includes the allergic, toxic, infectious, hormonal, and emotional loads a patient is dealing with along with their current diet and nutrition profile.

At COEM, Dr. William Weirs, M.D., F.A.A.E.M. and Dr. Stephen Elliott, M.D., D.A.B.F.M., F.A.A.A.M., are following in the footsteps of now retired founder Dr. Allan Lieberman who started the practice in 1978. They offer pediatric and adult patients personalized and preventative treatment using a combination of environmental, functional, and integrative medicine. The three board-certified, evidence-based fields of

medicine have many overlapping elements, with the primary common thread being their focus on healing the whole body and not just relieving individual symptoms. Readers can find out more by visiting <https://coem.com/functional-medicine/>.

In a video uploaded to the clinic's YouTube channel, Dr. Weirs explains what functional medicine is by saying, "Functional medicine looks for the root cause of any given problem and then it approaches it from a systems-based approach. This can include several different types of functional testing to look into what could be at the root of what's going on. It's an excellent way for trying to get to the source instead of just covering up symptoms."

Many of the clinic's patients report approaching COEM after years of consulting with a litany of other doctors and failing to see any significant improvement in their chronic conditions. The COEM medical center boasts the tools and methodologies that conventional medical providers lack. As a result, patients gain a true understanding of their bodies, and the challenges they face, as integrated systems instead of just a collection of independent organs. It is not uncommon for COEM to treat multiple generations of a family. COEM accepts all patients as private patients and no referral is required since it is not bound by the limitations of insurance carriers and approved coverage.

The proof of how effective the Doctor's techniques have been for COEM patients can be found on its Google Business Profile. With an impressive overall rating of 4.7 out of 5.0 from over 140 reviews, the clinic's patients have enthusiastically shared just how life-changing and transformative its patient-centered approach was for them. Patients also praise the helpful and kind staff at the clinic, the insight that the doctors have in their respective fields of medicine, and, most importantly, the results they enjoyed after undergoing treatment at COEM.

A comment on the aforementioned YouTube video featuring Dr. Weirs sums up the patient experience at COEM. The commenter writes, "I was so impressed with Dr. Weirs when I met with him this week! Besides being extremely knowledgeable, he is kind and totally focused on the patient's concerns. Dr. Weirs took the time to thoroughly explain his treatment plan for my diagnosis, which was electromagnetic hypersensitivity, or EHS, which was well thought-out and will be easy to implement. Thank you, Dr. Weirs, and I look forward to working with you again in the future!"

Since it was established in 1978, COEM has become world-renowned for offering holistic care with compassion. Integrating traditional medicine and holistic medicine, the clinic provides many programs and treatments for a number of serious health conditions including mold toxicity, chemical toxicity, thyroid issues, allergy and immunology, chronic fatigue, biotransformation, cardiovascular health & age management, neurodegenerative diseases, and autoimmune diseases.

Drs. Weirs and Elliott have many years of experience in the practice of environmental and functional medicine (occupational & non-occupational) and clinical experience in chemical toxicity and chemical sensitivity including neurotoxicity, immunotoxicity, and genotoxicity. Expertise includes allergy-induced illnesses, neutralization-provocation allergy testing for relief of allergy symptoms, food allergy symptoms, whole-body reactions, and auto-immune disorders impacted by the total body allergic load.

Readers can contact the Center for Occupational & Environmental Medicine in Charleston at (843) 572-1600 to schedule a consultation or visit it at 7510 North Forest Drive, North Charleston, SC 29420.

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