

Local doctors to present real-life procedures

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Next Thursday, four doctors in the Flathead Valley will take audience members behind the scenes into real-life procedures and treatments performed at North Valley Hospital, Kalispell Regional Medical Center and Montana Children's Specialities.

The one-night event — Flathead Med — will take place at the Whitefish Performing Arts Center Aug. 22, with an opening reception at 5 p.m. and presentations

will go from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The event, which is free and open to the public, will be presented by North Valley Hospital.

"Real-life medicine can be even more fascinating than medical dramas, like Grey's Anatomy [the television show]," Allison Linville, marketing a community relations manager for North Valley, said in a press release. "In Flathead Med, valley residents will get to meet real physicians who are saving and improving lives in our own emer-

gency and operating rooms."

The evening will be hosted by Dr. Jason Cohen, chief medical officer for North Valley, and local physicians in the fields of "internal medicine, emergency care, orthopedics and pediatrics will present four short, in-person episodes covering intriguing cases and complex procedures," according to the press release.

Dr. Ashleigh Magill, emergency department director for North Valley, will present a case that

required critical intervention and a team of regional specialists, nurses and paramedics who performed life-saving services on one local resident. Surgeons John Means and Tim Joyce will reveal surgeries using robotics and reconstructive techniques in abdominal surgery and joint reconstruction and surgeon Frederico Seifarth with Montana Children's will demonstrate a "lifesaving, minimally invasive procedure on one of his smallest patients."

"We are very fortunate in this community to offer the level of skill and care to patients previously only found at large metropolitan hospitals," Linville said. "We invite the community to join us, meet their local physicians and learn more about how lives are saved and improved every day right here in the Flathead Valley."

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