



**The clinic has moved!** We are fully functioning now out of the new central Austin clinic. I am happy to announce that the project was a tremendous success and the new space is better than we could have imagined. We could not have done it so quickly, efficiently or smoothly without the invaluable help of all the friends/patients/colleagues who were involved in the process. With the utmost gratitude, thank you all.

I want to especially acknowledge our electrician from Decker Electric for all of his great work. If you ever need electrical work, call them at 892-4370. If you have not yet had the opportunity to visit the new clinic for an appointment, please do! Just click on the hyperlink for a map to the location.

**Please try** the new online appointment scheduler! For your convenience, you will now be able to schedule your own appointments from my website. It's a pretty quick process:

- click on the "Sign up" link and create an account (*it will send you an email*)
- login with your username and password (*it should have sent it by email*)
- grab a spot on the calendar

You will receive a confirmation of your appointment through email and a reminder the day before. You can also cancel or reschedule appointments, however, don't forget I have a 24 hour notice policy for cancellations.

**A lot of sound** and fury has surrounded the healthcare debate. There is one bill in particular though I want to bring your attention to. HR 646 is a bill that would incorporate Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (AOM) into the procedures covered by Medicare and Medicaid. I truly believe in this medicine and think making acupuncture more accessible will make people healthier. If you think this too, please help move the bill forward by:

- Sending a thank you note or e-mail to representative Lloyd Doggett, who is now a co-sponsor of the bill.
- Calling, writing, or e-mailing our senators Kay Bailey Hutchinson and John Cornyn and telling them you think they should co-sponsor the Senate's companion bill.
- Joining the HR 646 group on Facebook
- Making a contribution to AAAOM, who have taken the lead to push for this bill
- Telling someone else about how great it would be if acupuncture was covered by Medicare and Medicaid.

To learn more about the bill and check in on its progress, check it out on the web, or email me and I can send you the links directly.