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MCMC and Adventist Health Portland Announce Partnership to Deliver Cardiology Services in the Gorge

(THE DALLES, Ore. – July 27, 2021) — Mid-Columbia Medical Center and Adventist Health Portland have entered into an agreement that will bring Northwest Regional Heart and Vascular cardiologists to the Gorge to provide heart care to MCMC patients, effective Sept. 1, 2021.

With existing locations in Portland, McMinnville and the Oregon coast, Adventist Health Portland’s Northwest Regional Heart and Vascular is a regional leader in heart care and provides advanced techniques in the field of cardiology, interventional cardiology, electrophysiology, cardiovascular surgery, and vascular care. Its physicians are known for their clinical expertise and personalized care in preventing, diagnosing, treating and managing heart conditions to help patients live longer, healthier lives.

“We are thrilled to bring this world-class heart care to residents of the Columbia River Gorge,” said Dennis Knox, chief executive officer of MCMC. “Through this partnership, MCMC patients will receive the highest standard of personalized cardiac care by physicians who know and understand the challenges of rural healthcare. The partnership will assure the uninterrupted continuation of cardiology services while paving the way for expanded clinical offerings in the future to meet the evolving needs of our community.”

In addition to Northwest Regional Heart and Vascular cardiologists coming to the Gorge, Theresa Dwyer, PA-C, will remain a key member of the cardiology team at MCMC. Both organizations are committed to ensuring a smooth transition for patients with no disruption to care.

MCMC and Adventist Health Portland are both nonprofit organizations committed to enhancing the quality of healthcare provided in the Gorge and to making healthcare accessible to local residents. Cardiology care will be available at MCMC locations in The Dalles and Hood River with additional specialized services available at Northwest Regional Heart and Vascular in east Portland.

About Adventist Health Portland

Adventist Health Portland, an OHSU Health partner, is a healthcare system consisting of a 302-bed medical center, 27 medical clinics and home care and hospice services. Our compassionate and talented team of over 1,800, includes associates, medical staff, physicians, allied health professionals and volunteers driven by one mission: Living God's love by inspiring health, wholeness and hope. Together we are transforming the health care experience with an innovative, yet timeless, whole-person focus on physical, mental, spiritual and social healing. Adventist Health Portland is also part of Adventist Health, a faith-based, nonprofit integrated health system serving more than 80 communities on the West Coast and in Hawaii. For more information visit adventisthealth.org/portland.

About MCMC

Founded in 1901, Mid-Columbia Medical Center is a nationally recognized hospital dedicated to serving residents of The Dalles and its surrounding communities. In 1992, MCMC became the first hospital in the nation to integrate the Planetree philosophy of patient care, which emphasizes the need to address a person's intellectual, environmental, emotional and spiritual concerns in addition to their physical needs. As a Planetree-affiliated hospital, MCMC works to provide a caring, nurturing and educational environment; puts great efforts into humanizing and demystifying the medical experience; and strives to empower people to become active partners in their own healthcare. For more information visit mcmc.net.

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