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Diagnostic Imaging Northwest Marks One-Year Anniversary Alliance with MultiCare Good Samaritan Hospital

EAST PIERCE COUNTY, WA - Diagnostic Imaging Northwest (DINW) celebrates its one-year anniversary this December, 2009 between MultiCare Good Samaritan Hospital and Medical Imaging Northwest. This alliance has provided a successful collaborative venture for non-emergent outpatient imaging services, serving patients and referring providers in the East Pierce County region. "Diagnostic Imaging Northwest has truly brought resources, information and access to the community," said Andrew Levine, MD, Chair, Medical Imaging Northwest. "We all work together to provide a better connected medical community for the patients and the medical professionals."

DINW operates three fully-digital imaging centers: Puyallup Imaging Center in downtown Puyallup, Sunrise Imaging Center at South Hill and Bonney Lake Imaging Center in Bonney Lake. These sites are equipped with leading-edge imaging technologies, including high field magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT), radiography and fluoroscopy, interventional radiology, ultrasound, digital mammography, stereotactic breast biopsy, ultrasound-guided breast biopsy and bone densitometry.

In the past year, DINW added the following equipment to the network: 3 - GE Logic E9 Ultrasound Machines, 1 Senographe Essential Digital Mammography Unit, 1 - GE Essential Digital Mammography Unit with Stereotactic biopsy capability, 1 - GE Prodigy DEXA Machine, 1 - CMT Digital Radiographic room; as well as Creatinine STAT Lab Services and Vascular Ultrasound have been added for greater ease in patient care and referring doctor's needs.

"Planning the vision and strategy for Diagnostic Imaging Northwest built a strong foundation for this partnership," said John Long, President, MultiCare Good Samaritan Hospital. "We are all on the same team working towards a common goal: improving patient care."

To learn more about Diagnostic Imaging Northwest, visit www.mydinw.com. Online referrals for appointments are available at www.mydinw.com. Or, for scheduling, call (253) 841-4353.

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MultiCare is a leading-edge, connected organization made up of four hospitals including Allenmore Hospital, Good Samaritan Hospital, Mary Bridge Children's Hospital and Tacoma General Hospital, numerous primary care and urgent care clinics, multi-specialty centers, Hospice and Home Health services, and many other services. A not-for-profit organization based in Tacoma, Washington since 1882, MultiCare has grown over the years in response to community needs. Today we are the area's largest provider of health care services, serving patients at 93 locations in Pierce, South King, Kitsap and Thurston counties.

Medical Imaging Northwest is a group of 24 board certified radiologists, technologists and staff committed to providing the finest medical imaging technology to our patients and the communities that we serve. Medical Imaging Northwest offers a broad range of services at multiple locations and provides quick, accurate reporting. We attract highly trained physicians (board certified radiologists with fellowship and/or subspecialty training) and registered radiologic technologists with advanced certification and multiple capabilities. MINW provides professional services for the radiology departments of MultiCare Good Samaritan Hospital, Puyallup and Allenmore Hospital, Tacoma. We also provide onsite coverage at MultiCare clinics in Auburn, Covington, Kent, Tacoma and Gig Harbor with remote interpretation for other sites as well. We have three joint ventured, American College of Radiology accredited, outpatient imaging centers under the name Diagnostic Imaging Northwest.