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**Physicians who inspired Women's Health Center of West Michigan are 1st
to Move into the State-of-the-Art Facility Exclusively for Women on July 10**

GRAND RAPIDS, MI (June 15, 2008) – The New Women's Health Center of West Michigan will open its doors to patients on July 14, 2008. The first practice to christen the space is a team of physicians who have recently merged under the new name of *Grand Rapids Women's Health*. Six years ago, these same doctors who have spent a lifetime researching and helping women with their basic care and specific medical issues, noticed that with the billions of dollars being spent on healthcare developments in Grand Rapids, there were no plans for a comprehensive women's healthcare facility. They took it upon themselves to see that the needs of women would be met – *Grand Rapids Women's Health* at the Women's Health Center will not only include obstetric and gynecological services of the highest expertise for women pre-teen to 90 years plus, but will also be within a building that was designed by women themselves – their patients. Patients of the physicians of *Grand Rapids Women's Health* were consulted about their wants, needs and experiences in order to create the ideal setting according to Michael Garrett, president of Pinnacle Construction Group who is the builder of the project. It is the only all women's healthcare facility in the Midwest region developed specifically for, and with input from, women.

On July 10, 2008, *Grand Rapids Women's Health* will move in to the new Women's Health Center of West Michigan currently under construction on Michigan Street within the "Michigan Medical Mile". Occupying the entire top floor, *Grand Rapids Women's Health* will be the first physician's group to locate in the totally women's based building that will also include women's specialized retail, restaurant, pharmacy, fertility clinic, physical therapy center, and other physician's groups.

With the move, *Grand Rapid Women's Health* will also establish one of West Michigan's first office-based surgical suites. Newly designed office surgical suites will provide enhanced options for comfortable and cost effective surgical procedures specific to women.

According to Dr. Douglas VanDrie, a *Grand Rapids Women's Health* physician, "We will be providing many specialized services for women in our new procedure suite including Essure tubal sterilization, ablations for abnormal bleeding, and sling procedures for incontinence. These procedures have previously been available only in the hospital setting. These options allow women to receive treatment in a relaxed environment leading to improved patient satisfaction. We have extensive referrals from other physicians."

In addition, non-surgical and minimally invasive surgical options for female reproduction, health care, and pelvic medicine, as well as, obstetrical care to meet women's and baby's health care will be expanded. Other onsite services of *Grand Rapids Women's Health* will also expand as the physical move takes place. New services will focus on total patient experience and integrated care.

The *Grand Rapids Women's Health* merger combines a core group of the region's most respected physicians specializing in Obstetrics and Gynecology formerly known as Grand Valley Gynecologists, PC, Knollcrest OB/GYN, PC, and Newton, Frank and Blickley OB/GYN, PC.

Grand Rapids Women's Health physician, Dr. Robyn Hubbard, states, "We are very excited about this combined group of physicians. Through our merger as *Grand Rapids Women's Health*, we've brought together doctors from three outstanding medical groups enabling us to be even better at what we already do very well. As a larger group, the practice will be able to rely on the diverse expertise of each of the physicians. Many areas of women's health care can be improved upon by discussing information about the client and responding to their unique, individual needs with leading physicians within the practice. This merger and move allows us to add new services and options for women that our smaller groups couldn't provide. And it's more affordable for everyone involved"

As one of the largest area practices dedicated to the health care of women, the 15 obstetrician / gynecologists at *Grand Rapids Women's Health*, along with their support staff, are committed to providing the highest quality care to the women of West Michigan and beyond. *Grand Rapids Women's Health* opens for business in the new Women's Health Center of West Michigan on July 14, 2008.

For more information see www.grandrapidswomenshealth.org.

Grand Rapids Women's Health, P.C. a merger of Grand Valley Gynecologists, Knollcrest OB/GYN Associates, and Newton, Frank & Blickley MD. Obstetrics & Gynecology Specialists: Adam Blickley, MD, Brooke Bollin-Richards, MD, Ruth Brandt, MD, Roger Edverson, MD, Jeffrey Frank, MD, Judith Hiemenga, MD, Robyn Hubbard, MD, Elizabeth Luce, MD, Charles Newton, MD, Curtis Struyk, MD, Rodman Taber, MD and Anita VanDeBurg, MD. Female Pelvic Medicine & Urogynecology Institute of Michigan: Douglas VanDrie, MD, Michael Bennett, MD, and Jason Bennett, MD

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