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Online Physician Referral Service Serves as Valuable Tool

(GLENDALE, CA – September 7, 2007) – Verdugo Hills Hospital (VHH) provides a free online physician referral service for use by the general public in search of finding a doctor of their choice. Visitors using VHH’s online physician referral service can search by specialty, full name, partial name and language(s) spoken. The newly updated online physician referral service includes the names of physicians on medical staff with the hospital.

Also available online is information about physicians’ medical education, board certification, years in practice and office location. To inquire about medical insurance accepted by your physician, please contact the physician’s office for verification of your insurance plan. To visit the online physician referral service, please go to www.vhhospital.org and click on the “Find A Doctor” button located on the lower right-hand corner of the homepage.

"By utilizing VHH's website for physician referrals, users are able to view valuable information to assist them in making the important decision for choosing their personal physician," said Viktoria Meyers, Vice President of Business Development at VHH. "Having the ability to view all of the physicians, instead of a select few that are offered by phone referrals, is also an added value in accessing vhhospital.org."

Verdugo Hills Hospital is a 158-bed nonprofit primary care facility nestled in the foothills between Glendale and La Cañada Flintridge. The hospital features all private rooms, 24-hour emergency services, comprehensive inpatient and outpatient diagnostic and treatment facilities, and a family birthing center. It is the only independent, free-standing hospital in the greater Foothills community and was voted “Foothill’s Best Hospital” for 2007 by readers of the *Glendale News-Press*. Several physicians on staff also received recognition as the best in the community, including: Dr. Scott W. Beeve, Foothills Best Ophthalmologist; Dr. Allan W. Perry, Jr., Foothills Best Plastic Surgeon; Dr. Richard L. Rupp, Foothills Best Podiatrist; Dr. William F. Schubert, Foothills Best Family Physician; Dr. Jane S. Wada, Foothills Best Dermatologist; and Dr. Ronald D. Woodard, Foothills Best Obstetrician/Gynecologist. For more information, please visit www.vhhospital.org.

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