



CHI Franciscan Health and The Doctors Clinic announce they are working together to serve Kitsap community

Alignment will create healthier communities throughout Kitsap Peninsula

August 31, 2016 – CHI Franciscan Health, a premier health care provider in the Pacific Northwest, and The Doctors Clinic (TDC), a leading multi-specialty medical group in Kitsap County, today announced they are coming together to enhance patient access and efficiency. Together they will meet the increasing demand by consumers in the region for high-quality, affordable and advanced medical care.

“Aligning with The Doctors Clinic to enhance health care services for individuals and families across Kitsap Peninsula is an excellent direction for the region,” said Ketul J. Patel, CHI Franciscan Health CEO. “Our organizations have a shared mission and commitment to clinical excellence and enhancing access to care for our communities throughout the Pacific Northwest.”

The Doctors Clinic, which has grown to a team of 80 primary care doctors and specialists in eight locations throughout Kitsap County, has been caring for the people and communities in Kitsap County for more than six decades. TDC will join CHI Franciscan Health’s Franciscan Medical Group and Harrison HealthPartners, which consists of 800 physicians and providers, bringing the best elements of their practices together to share resources, reduce operating costs and deliver innovative and personalized care to Kitsap communities.

“We are thrilled to partner with CHI Franciscan Health, a premier health care provider in the Pacific Northwest, and continue to increase access to superior and individualized care for residents in the Kitsap region,” said Jay Burghart executive director of The Doctors Clinic. “The Doctors Clinic is focused on providing all of our patients with high-quality and compassionate care to get them back to living healthy lives. We believe that our new partnership will be a positive and exciting new direction for individuals and families living on the peninsula.”

CHI Franciscan announced earlier this week that they will be investing over \$500M at Harrison Medical Center - Silverdale with the planned construction of a new state-of-the-art hospital at the current location. The Doctors Clinic’s main facilities and locations are adjacent to the Harrison Silverdale Campus. The Doctors Clinic will operate as The Doctors Clinic, a part of Franciscan Medical Group.

The organizations will start working together to serve the Kitsap community beginning Sept. 3, 2016.

[About CHI Franciscan Health](#)

CHI Franciscan Health is a nonprofit health system based in Tacoma, Washington with a team of nearly 12,000 doctors, nurses and staff that provide expert, compassionate medical care at eight acute care hospitals and more than 100 primary and specialty care clinics in Pierce, King and Kitsap counties. This includes St. Anthony Hospital, Gig Harbor; St. Clare Hospital, Lakewood; St. Elizabeth Hospital, Enumclaw; St. Francis Hospital, Federal Way; St. Joseph Medical Center, Tacoma; Harrison Medical Center, Bremerton and Silverdale; Highline Medical Center, Burien; and Regional Hospital, Burien. Started in 1891 by the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, today CHI Franciscan Health is one of the largest health systems in Washington state. The system spans more than 1,100 acute care beds, a credentialed medical staff of more than 1,500 including approximately 600 employed physicians providing specialties in cardiovascular care, cancer care, orthopedics and sports medicine, neurosciences and women's care. CHI Franciscan's mission focuses on creating healthier communities, including caring for the poor and underserved. In 2015, the organization provided \$141 million in community benefit, including \$10 million in charity care. More information: www.chifranciscan.org.

About The Doctors Clinic

The Doctors Clinic is a multi-specialty medical group with more than 75 health care professionals providing services at ten clinical locations throughout Kitsap County. Founded in 1949, The Doctors Clinic has been providing comprehensive medical and surgical care to Kitsap families for over 60 years. TDC Urgent Care is also available in Bremerton/Central Kitsap and Poulsbo. With a mission of Excellence in Patient Care, The Doctors Clinic is committed to personalized and compassionate care. More information: thedoctorsclinic.com.

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