

Physician MEMO

To | All Medical Staff

From | Paul M. Wiles, CEO Novant Health

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Re | Cardiac Affiliation with Cleveland Clinic

We are excited to announce that The Forsyth Cardiac and Vascular Center at Forsyth Medical Center and The Presbyterian Cardiovascular Institute at Presbyterian Hospital are affiliating with the Cleveland Clinic. The affiliation gives our patients not only access to our nationally recognized cardiac care--but to world-class, leading-edge cardiovascular prevention programs and treatment options available at the Cleveland Clinic.

The new name for cardiovascular services at Forsyth Medical Center will be ***Forsyth Cardiac and Vascular Center in affiliation with Cleveland Clinic Heart and Vascular Institute*** and the new name for cardiovascular services at Presbyterian Hospital will be ***Presbyterian Cardiovascular Institute in affiliation with Cleveland Clinic Heart and Vascular Institute***.

In 2011, Cleveland Clinic's Miller Family Heart and Vascular Institute was rated No. 1 in the nation for heart care by *US News & World Report* for the 17th consecutive year. Our cardiac programs rank in the top 10 percent in the nation for cardiac care with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) quality comparisons.

This is the first Cleveland Clinic cardiac affiliation that will include the spectrum of heart care from prevention to medical cardiology and cardiovascular surgery. The affiliation will combine the unparalleled research and expertise of Cleveland Clinic's heart program with our cardiovascular programs to provide the highest-quality, most comprehensive patient care across the Carolinas and beyond. Treating patients with cardiovascular disease is complex and new techniques and technologies are always emerging. Our affiliation will help us deliver these innovations to patients more quickly.

We are proud of the exceptional cardiac care our physicians and clinical team provide to our patients. And we are excited that this affiliation will help ensure they have access to the most innovative approaches to cardiac care available in the nation.