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## PROMEDICA INNOVATIONS CONFERENCE FOCUSES ON FUTURE ADVANCEMENTS IN MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

Invention and Innovation Support Economic Development in Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan

**TOLEDO, Ohio, Wednesday, April 30** – ProMedica Innovations will host its inaugural Planting the Seeds of Innovation Medical Technology and Commercialization Conference Thursday, May 1 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Perrysburg.

National and regional experts will gather to discuss ways to accelerate the development and commercialization of medical technology to foster economic growth in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan and improve patient care around the world.

"We will address a wide range of issues important to individuals and companies that are interested in medical devices and health information technologies," said John Pigott, MD, medical director of ProMedica Innovations. "ProMedica is a strong proponent of economic development in our region and ProMedica Innovations provides a platform to support invention locally."

State Rep. Barbara Sears (R., Monclova Township) will open the conference by addressing the importance of innovation in this region. Panel discussions and presentations throughout the day will focus on innovation challenges, collaboration and opportunities. The conference keynote presentation features a discussion on innovation on a local and national stage with Randy Oostra, DM, president and CEO of ProMedica, and Toby Cosgrove, MD, president and CEO of Cleveland Clinic.

ProMedica Innovations, which is part of the Cleveland Clinic's Healthcare Innovation Alliance, works to facilitate and accelerate medical innovations. Formed in 2012, its aim is to provide ProMedica doctors, employees and affiliated inventors with support for their ideas and inventions to improve patients' health and well-being.

For more information about ProMedica Innovations, visit www.promedica.org/innovations.

## **Media Availability**

When: Thursday, May 1 from 12:30 – 2 p.m.

Where: Hilton Garden Inn

6165 Levis Commons Blvd. Perrysburg, Ohio 43551

View the keynote panel discussion. Interviews will be available with John Pigott, MD, medical director of ProMedica Innovations. Details: