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MetroHealth Partners with Big Creek Surgery Center to Expand Access for Patients

(Cleveland, Ohio) – The MetroHealth System is partnering with Big Creek Surgery Center, located at 15345 Bagley Road in Middleburg Heights, expanding health care access for MetroHealth patients and residents of Cuyahoga County. This is another step in MetroHealth's transformation that moves health care closer to patients through a network of locations, while collaborating with local clinic partners.

The 18,000 square foot center has four operating rooms and two procedure rooms. MetroHealth will lease the space and equipment within the building. Surgical services and procedures in endoscopy, orthopaedics, otolaryngology (ENT), podiatry, pain management, general, plastic and dental surgery will be available for patients. Some services currently offered at MetroHealth's main campus or its West 150th Surgery Center will be moved to the Big Creek Surgery Center.

"Expanding health care access is our top priority," said Akram Boutros, MD, FACHE, MetroHealth president and CEO. "As we continue to move from hospital-centric to patient-centric care, we are expanding and relocating services to non-hospital sites. The opportunity to operate within the Big Creek Surgery Center and the recent agreement to open two new emergency departments within existing HealthSpan facilities are prudent and fiscally-conservative ways of expanding without having to bear the expenses of building new facilities."

"With the new relationship between Big Creek Surgery Center and MetroHealth, we look forward to opportunities that will further improve and expand the high quality services both organizations provide," said James Holfinger, DPM, chair of the Big Creek Board of Managers. "In a changing health care environment, joining forces with MetroHealth will ensure that patients will have expanded access to the convenient outpatient surgical services they deserve."

MetroHealth has collaborated with the center's current administrative leaders, who will continue to manage the facility, marking the first time MetroHealth has partnered with an independent group of physicians for management and operating expertise. The collaboration will begin in early 2016. All current clinical staff employed at the Big Creek Surgery Center will become MetroHealth employees. The facility will remain open to independent physicians to perform surgical procedures.

The Big Creek Surgery center formed in 2006 and has consistently achieved patient satisfaction scores of 98-99 percent due to the efforts of the surgeons and staff.

About The MetroHealth System

The MetroHealth System is an essential health system committed to providing health care to everyone in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and improving the health of the community overall. Its 6,700 employees deliver care to everyone at its main campus, just west of downtown Cleveland, and at 18 other locations. It also provides health care at more than 30 additional sites in Cuyahoga County through the MetroHealth School Health Program and other community partnerships.

MetroHealth is home to Cuyahoga County's only Level I Adult Trauma Center and only adult and pediatric burn center in the state of Ohio verified by the American Burn Association and the Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons. In the past year, MetroHealth provided more than one million patient visits in its hospital and health centers. MetroHealth also is an academic medical center committed to teaching and research; each of its active physicians holds a faculty appointment at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. MetroHealth has earned Magnet status, which places it in the top 7% of all hospitals nationwide for nursing excellence.

MetroHealth's mission is, "Leading the way to a healthier you and a healthier community through service, teaching, discovery and teamwork." For more information, visit www.metrohealth.org.