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HALIFAX REGIONAL RECOGNIZES LYNCH & DILLARD *Nurse Practitioners at Roanoke Clinic*

ROANOKE RAPIDS, N.C. (December 21, 2009)—Halifax Regional observed National Nurse Practitioners Week by paying tribute to the nurse practitioners who bring high-quality, cost effective care to patients in the community.

Sharon Lynch and Diana Dillard are nurse practitioners employed by Halifax Regional at Roanoke Clinic. “The training and experience of Sharon and Diana bring a different dimension to Roanoke Clinic,” says Mary Pat Whaley, Practice Administrator. “They are in great demand as primary care providers in the community.”

The theme of this year’s observance is recognition of the role that nurse practitioners play in primary medical care. Nurse practitioners deliver a unique blend of nursing and medical care while assisting their patients in making sound lifestyle decisions.

“Nurse practitioners have differentiated themselves by focusing on the whole person when treating specific health problems, as well as educating patients on their effects those problems will have on them, their loved ones and their communities,” said Whaley.

“By providing quality care and health counseling, nurse practitioners can lower the cost of health care for patients,” said Whaley. “Fewer visits to hospital emergency rooms and lower medication costs often are the results of having a nurse practitioner as your primary care provider.”

National Nurse Practitioners Week is sponsored by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, the oldest and largest full-service national professional organizations for nurse practitioners. With approximately 28,000 individual and 145 group members, the Academy represents the interests of more than 125,000 nurse practitioners around the country.

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