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DR. SORENSEN BEGINS SEEING PATIENTS MONDAY

ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC (May 5, 2011)—The Roanoke Valley’s newest physician, Dr. Chris Sorensen, begins seeing patients Monday.

A board certified family physician, Dr. Sorensen will rotate between Roanoke Clinic in Roanoke Rapids and Wildwood Medical Clinic at Lake Gaston.

“I truly enjoy taking care of the whole family from infants to geriatrics,” says Dr. Sorensen. “It’s fun to walk into one room and see a baby for his shots and then see his mom and grandparents for their routine care and chronic issues.”

Both Roanoke and Wildwood Clinics provide care to patients beginning at age 3 and continuing throughout life. Services include general family healthcare and chronic illness management to immunizations and laboratory services.

The clinics are welcoming patients who want to see Dr. Sorensen. Call 252 537-9176 for an appointment at Roanoke Clinic. Call 252 537-9400 for an appointment at Wildwood, which is located at 2053 River Road in Henrico.

The American Academy of Family Practice suggests a yearly physical exam for all patients below the age of 21 and above the age of 50 and a physical exam every 2-3 years for people between 21 and 50, depending on their medical issues.

Too many people do not have a family doctor, and then find it difficult to get a timely appointment when they become ill or injured. “Having a family doctor gives you the opportunity to develop a trusting relationship with a professional who knows you,” Dr. Sorensen said.

“What you do to prevent illness and to identify and manage problems today will make the quality of your life better in the future,” he added. “Seeing your doctor regularly for prevention makes it possible for you to take advantage of all the newest medical advances and for us to keep track of your health.”

Dr. Sorensen comes to the Roanoke Valley from Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, part of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He completed his residency at Sacred Heart Hospital in Allentown, Pennsylvania, where he was Chief Resident in 1993.

Dr. Sorensen has two children, Erik, 15 and Nicolas, 11. In his leisure time, he enjoys home remodeling, boating, playing ice hockey and cheering for the Boston Red Sox.

Dr. Sorensen joins Dr. Kenneth Robert and Dr. Abraham Chaparro, also board certified, at Roanoke and Wildwood Clinics. In addition, Diana Dillard and Sharon Lynch, family nurse practitioners, and Cassandra Owens, physician's assistant, treat patients at the Clinics.

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