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## **DR. PUTHENVEETIL JOINS HALIFAX REGIONAL** *Dr. Antony Retires from Twin City Cardiology Associates*

**ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC (February 3, 2012)—John V. Puthenveetil, M.D., a fellowship trained cardiologist, begins seeing patients full time at Halifax Regional Cardiology Monday following the decision by Halifax Regional to partner with Twin City Cardiology Associates.**

A resident of Littleton for 10 years, Dr. Puthenveetil has been seeing patients on a part time basis at Twin City Cardiology Associates for years. “I am delighted to be available full time to treat our current patients and residents of the community who have heart issues,” he said. Dr. Puthenveetil has been a practicing cardiologist for approximately 40 years.

Dr. Jose K. Antony, who founded Twin City Cardiology in 1985, is retiring from the practice. He was the first board certified cardiologist in the Roanoke Valley.

“Retiring is not easy for me,” said Dr. Antony. “I have enjoyed taking care of my patients and working with our excellent staff, but there is a time for everything, so I leave Twin City Cardiology in the excellent hands of Dr. Puthenveetil and Kim Dang, our well qualified physician assistant, who have served our patients in an outstanding manner for years.”

Dang is a graduate of the physician assistant program at St. Francis University in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Puthenveetil completed a Fellowship in Cardiology at the Medical College of Virginia. His special interests are preventive and acute care for cardiovascular disease, echocardiography, and nuclear imaging.

“The outstanding reputation of Dr. Antony, Dr. Puthenveetil and Ms. Dang caused us to analyze the opportunity of partnering with Twin City Cardiology Associates,” said Will Mahone, president of Halifax Regional.

“Physician practices joining hospitals is a trend in healthcare and benefits patients by developing a stronger connection between physician and hospital,” explained Mahone. “At Halifax Regional, we are grateful to Dr. Antony for partnering with us.”

Halifax Regional Cardiology specializes in heart problems, including chest pain and shortness of breath, congestive heart failure, EKG, stress testing, nuclear imaging, echocardiograms and long term heart monitoring.

The office remains at 306 Becker Drive in Roanoke Rapids. For an appointment, call 537-9268. Appointments often are available the day patients call, and patients with urgent conditions are accepted anytime.

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