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Dr. O'Connor's Office Opens Tuesday *Gastroenterologist Locates on Halifax Regional Campus*

ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC—(February 20, 2011)--Rory V. O'Connor, MD, a board certified gastroenterologist, opens his office Tuesday on the campus of Halifax Regional.

Dr. O'Connor is welcoming new patients. Call 252 535-1800 for an appointment. His office, Eastern Carolina Gastroenterology, is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is located in Building 5 of the Medical Plaza.

As a gastroenterologist, Dr. O'Connor is a physician with dedicated training and unique experience in the management of diseases of the gastrointestinal tract. Dr. O'Connor's practice also will cover the full range of hepatology, diseases of the liver.

He earned his medical degree from the University of California, San Francisco. He then spent three years as an intern and resident at Wadsworth VA/ UCLA Medical Centers in Los Angeles.

Dr. O'Connor continued his professional training through a Fellowship at the University of California, San Diego. Fellowship training is an intense, rigorous program where gastroenterologists learn directly from nationally recognized experts in the field and develop a detailed understanding of gastrointestinal diseases.

Dr. O'Connor then joined a medical practice in California and spent 13 years there before moving to Hawaii, where he continued to practice. "While in Hawaii, I was the endoscopy director at our hospital, which is virtually the same size as Halifax Regional. Likewise, our community on Maui is similar in size to the community served by Halifax Regional," he noted.

Dr. O'Connor will work closely with the staff of the Digestive Health Center at Halifax Regional, where he will perform a full range of endoscopic procedures.

"My wife and I are 'empty nesters' with our children either in college or graduates, so we are moving back to the mainland to be closer to them as they go forward in their lives," he said.

‘We are attracted to the Roanoke Rapids area by the people,’ said Dr. O’Connor. “The community is wonderfully welcoming and genuine.”

Dr. O’Connor and his wife, Daren, have been married 26 years. They met during his residency when she was a nurse in an emergency room. They have three children: Brendan, who is married and works in Dan Diego; Shane, a student at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles; and Aileen, a student at Skidmore College in New York.

Dr. O’Connor enjoys following college sports and playing softball, football and bike riding.

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