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this is YOUR HOSPITAL... 550 PHYSICIANS *strong*

A lot of folks remember when Cape Fear Valley Medical Center was half the size it is today. Back then we had about 200 physicians on the medical staff.

Today, Cape Fear Valley Medical Center has nearly 500 beds, and the medical staff has more than doubled to 550 physicians. That's a milestone achievement for any hospital.

And it's not just about sheer numbers. Just as important are the depth and breadth of our medical staff. With more than 50 different specialties and subspecialties, it rivals that of many academic medical centers.

Recently, we added a new specialty to the list: Intensivists. We have looked forward to the start of our Intensivist Program with great anticipation. Just as Hospitalists take care of patients in the hospital, Intensivists take care of patients in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

Why is this program so important to patient care? ICU patients are very sick; they have complicated medical needs. Of the more than 2 million patients nationwide who are admitted to urban intensive care units each year, approximately 200,000 die.

A growing body of evidence suggests that quality of care in hospital ICUs is strongly influenced by Intensivist Programs like the one we have at Cape Fear Valley. We anticipate our program will provide a number of benefits for our ICU patients:

- ▶ Shorter hospital stays
- ▶ Improved patient outcomes
- ▶ Improved continuity of care

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The Region's Largest and Most Comprehensive Medical Staff

I'm very proud of the skill and innovation our medical staff demonstrates on a daily basis. When you come to our Emergency Department, whether you need a neurosurgeon, neurologist, cardiologist or urologist, you'll receive the care you need 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We know you have choices for your healthcare. But if you're looking for innovative physicians with the dedication and skill to make a positive difference in your life, choose Cape Fear Valley.

We can give you 550 reasons why you should.

Mike Nagowski
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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CAPE FEAR VALLEY HEALTH



Cape Fear Valley has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval™

At Cape Fear Valley Health, our physicians are dedicated to quality care. Below are just a few areas in which they are nationally recognized.

CARDIAC SURGERY :: 3 Star Rating, the highest possible, for patient outcomes

CANCER CARE :: Accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer

SURGERY :: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Award for surgery

NEUROSURGERY :: Named one of the top 100 programs in the nation

CARDIOLOGY :: American Heart Association Award for heart attack care



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