



Press Release

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Pinnacle Partners with Hunt Memorial Hospital, Greenville, Texas

Beginning June 30, 2007, Pinnacle Practice Management Services, a division of Pinnacle Partners in Medicine (Pinnacle), will be assuming responsibility for the comprehensive anesthesia services at Presbyterian Hospital of Greenville, including all clinical, administrative and business services.

Directors of the Hunt Memorial Hospital District agreed earlier this year to enter into a contract with Pinnacle.

Pinnacle is one of the largest physician anesthesia practices in the country, comprised of more than 250 board-certified or board-eligible anesthesiologists, 150 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) and more than 200 support staff. They will be implementing their proprietary Quality Assurance Program at the hospital which follows the recommended guidelines of the American Society of Anesthesiologists and their Clinical Outcomes Program will establish effective risk management and assure quality of patient care.

"Pinnacle Partners in Medicine is excited about working with Presbyterian Hospital Greenville and its medical staff," said Michael Hicks, M.D., President of Pinnacle. "The physicians and nurse anesthetists of Pinnacle have worked hard to develop a high quality anesthesia practice that provides the kind of care that we want our own families to receive and we look forward to being able to offer the same level of care and service to the families of Hunt County."

"I look forward to establishing the latest techniques and technology for safe anesthesia and pain control," said Haroon Rasheed, M.D., who will be the new Medical Director for the Anesthesiology Department.

Pinnacle is in-network with all major healthcare plans.

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