Franciscan Facilities and Surgeons Named Centers of Excellence, Designees in Minimally Invasive Gynecology

St. Joseph Medical Center in Tacoma, St. Francis Hospital in Federal Way, and nine affiliated physicians were distinguished for their commitment and ability to consistently deliver safe and effective minimally invasive gynecologic surgical care. All were named Centers of Excellence in Minimally Invasive Gynecology™ (COEMIG™) and COEMIG designees by the AAGL and Surgical Review Corporation.

Tacoma, WA (PRWEB) February 15, 2013 -- St. Joseph Medical Center and St. Francis Hospital, part of the Franciscan Health System and nine affiliated physicians were named Centers of Excellence in Minimally Invasive Gynecology™ (COEMIG™) and COEMIG designees by the AAGL and Surgical Review Corporation.

The COEMIG program distinguishes surgeons and facilities that demonstrate an unparalleled commitment and ability to consistently deliver safe, effective, evidence-based and coordinated care.

Franciscan facilities and surgeons awarded COEMIG designation:
Eve Cunningham, MD; St. Joseph Medical Center, Tacoma

Theresa Froelich, DO; St. Joseph Medical Center, Tacoma

James Greene, MD; St. Joseph Medical Center, Tacoma
Susan Johnson, MD; St. Francis Hospital, Federal Way
Cindy Mosbrucker, MD; St. Joseph Medical Center, Tacoma
Karen Nelson, MD; St. Joseph Medical Center, Tacoma
Myong Roe, MD; St. Francis Hospital, Federal Way
Paula Smith, MD; St. Joseph Medical Center, Tacoma
Estelle Yamaki, MD; St. Joseph Medical Center, Tacoma

“Women’s services have grown more advanced and specialized over the past 10 to 15 years. 'Minimally invasive surgery' isn't just a catch phrase, it is a proven surgical option for women that will provide the lowest risk of complications along with the fastest recovery times. This award demonstrates both the physicians’ and hospitals’ commitment to providing safe, high-quality care. We are truly raising the bar for the overall patient experience,” said Cindy Mosbrucker, MD, medical director for the COEMIG program. “Achieving COEMIG designation assures patients that these facilities and physicians have demonstrated excellence in minimally invasive gynecologic techniques to improve their health and well-being.”

Franciscan Health System includes St. Joseph Medical Center in Tacoma, St. Francis Hospital in Federal Way, St. Clare Hospital in Lakewood, St. Elizabeth Hospital in Enumclaw, St. Anthony Hospital in Gig Harbor, Franciscan Hospice House in University Place, Franciscan Medical Group clinics and providers in Pierce, King and Kitsap counties; and the Franciscan Foundation. Franciscan is part of Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI), a national non-profit health system with headquarters in Englewood, Colo. With total annual revenues of more than $10.7 billion and approximately 83,700 employees, CHI ranks as the nation’s second-largest faith-based
health system.

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