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*New advanced CT scanner helping Woodland Heights diagnose cardiovascular disease earlier*

LUFKIN, TEXAS (November 28, 2006)...Woodland Heights Medical Center announces another first in cardiac care for Lufkin – the area’s first 64-slice CT Scanner that produces detailed 3-Dimensional images used for diagnosis and that can be shared quickly among healthcare providers.

Using the 64-slice Computed Tomography (CT) Scanner, Dr. Vivek Mangla, a Lufkin Cardiologist/Electrophysiologist, on Tuesday performed the first Cardiac Computed Tomographic Angiography (CTA) at Woodland Heights. The Cardiac CTA allows the discovery of blockage in coronary arteries in just a matter of minutes using a non-invasive imaging system.

“With the speed and specialized software of this new scanner, we can now overcome the challenges that prevented us from being able to offer such definitive and non-invasive cardiovascular exams in the past,” said Dr. Mangla, who specializes in heart rhythm disorders.

In addition to the cardiac care aspect, Rebecca Petty, Radiological Services Director for Woodland Heights, states “the 64-slice CT can also diagnose bleeding or clotting in the brain quickly by way of a brain scan, which is imperative to stroke patients.”

“Older patients and those with breathing difficulties or some other distress will appreciate the shorter exams. We’ll have them in and out much faster, and their doctors will be able to access detailed, definitive results within minutes,” Ms. Petty said.

Lance Jones, CEO of Woodland Heights, said he is proud to provide this state-of-the-art technology in East Texas. “ The residents of Lufkin and the surrounding area are fortunate to have such a high level of medical care so close to home. We are happy to be able to continue the tradition of excellence in healthcare.”

Dr. Mangla joined The Heart Institute of East Texas, located at 310 Gaslight Blvd. in Lufkin, in August. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. His office can be reached at (936) 632-8787.

### **About Woodland Heights Medical Center**

Established in 1918, Woodland Heights Medical Center was Lufkin’s first hospital. Now, almost nine decades later, Woodland Heights is recognized throughout Deep East Texas as the leading provider of high quality, innovative health care services. In 2006, Woodland Heights Medical Center was named a Distinguished Hospital for clinical excellence—ranking in the nation’s top 5% for clinical care. \* Recognized for its continued excellence in cardiac care, Woodland Heights is a five star rated hospital for the treatment of heart failure. \* Additionally, Woodland Heights is ranked in the nation’s top five percent for pulmonary and gastrointestinal care. \* Accommodating a wide range of clinical specialties, Woodland Heights has achieved excellence in other key medical and surgical areas including neurology, orthopedic surgery, physical medicine/rehabilitation, vascular surgery and obstetrics and gynecology. Woodland Heights also offers a full range of outpatient diagnostic services including advanced imaging, laboratory, outpatient surgery and emergency services. Through its Rehabilitation Center, Woodland Heights offers cardiac rehabilitation, stroke recovery and physical and occupational rehabilitation. Combining modern facilities, leading technology, an exceptional staff and a commitment to the communities it serves, Woodland Heights Medical Center remains at the forefront of quality health care in Deep East Texas.

\* *Healthgrades*