HCA Healthcare/HealthONE’s The Medical Center of Aurora Opens Heart Failure Clinic

Aurora, CO, September 18, 2018 --(PR.com)-- HCA Healthcare/HealthONE’s The Medical Center of Aurora (TMCA) announced the opening of a new Heart Failure Clinic for patients with congestive or advanced heart failure (HF). The Heart Failure Clinic exists within the hospital's Center for Lung and Heart Health.

Dr. Richard Jantz, a board-certified cardiologist with Aurora Denver Cardiology Associates, is specialized in heart failure and worked with the TMCA team to organize the program. Dr. Jantz, a long-time cardiologist in the Denver metro area, has a passion for treating heart failure patients, having treated many in his 35-year career.

The primary goal of the clinic is to collaborate with primary care physicians (PCPs) to co-manage patients with congestive or advanced heart failure, giving them access to care and keeping them out of the hospital. The Clinic will offer patients access to a heart failure specialist in a timely manner. Dedicated nurse navigators will help ensure that patients are compliant with their follow up care by assisting the patients with scheduling appointments, having access to medications, and by connecting patients with the resources they need to maintain their health and manage their heart failure.

"Our Heart Failure Clinic gives is a one-stop-shop where patients can have coordinated access to advanced treatment and diagnostic testing, such as echocardiography, cardiac CT scans, angiograms, registered dieticians, and cardiac rehabilitation," says Hallie Woods, Chief Administrative Officer at The Medical Center of Aurora and Centennial Medical Plaza. "Our dedicated staff will be with the patients every step of the way to ensure they are receiving appropriate treatment and follow up. Heart failure is a very complex disease and having Dr. Jantz as a resource in this area, located right in our community, is a huge benefit to these patients as they manage their disease."

The Heart Failure Clinic offers a patient-centric multidisciplinary team approach to the management of heart failure patients and gives patients access to other physicians who are part of TMCA's cardiac and pulmonary teams. These specialists can be quickly involved in the patient's care if the need arises.

"I believe there is a significant need for a service like this in our community. It not only benefits the patients, but the community PCPs as well," said Dr. Jantz. "These patients are very sick and it's critical that they maintain a constant vigilance in managing their condition, which is why having the dedicated nurse navigators is so important. The patients may have multiple appointments each week, which can be difficult to keep up with when you are not feeling well. We want to partner with community physicians to ensure that every heart failure patient gets the treatment they need and deserve."

Once a patient is referred to the clinic, they will meet with Dr. Jantz. Dedicated Nurse Practitioners and Nurse navigators then navigate the patient through the entire process to ensure that they have the necessary diagnostic testing completed before developing a comprehensive care and treatment plan with the patient's primary provider. Patients will then be seen on a routine basis in the clinic and as needed to
manage the disease and symptoms to keep them living a healthy life and reducing admissions to the hospital.

The Medical Center of Aurora offers a full continuum of care for cardiac patients, from prevention and diagnostic testing to surgery and a cardiac rehabilitation program. The facility has an advanced Atrial Fibrillation program and offers the WATCHMAN Left Atrial Appendage Closure (LAAC) Implant for patients with non-valvular atrial fibrillation, cryoablation, RF ablation, and a number of other treatment options for heart rhythm disorders. The hospital's cardiac program includes an ACC-accredited Chest Pain Center with Resuscitation and an ACC-accredited Atrial Fibrillation with EPS program.

The Heart Failure Clinic is located at 1421 South Potomac Street, Suite 315. To speak with a member of the Heart Failure Clinic's team, please call 303-695-2971.

To learn more about TMCA’s award-winning cardiac care, please visit AuroraMed.com.

About The Medical Center of Aurora
The Medical Center of Aurora, the first community hospital in the Denver Metro area to receive two-time Magnet designation for nursing excellence by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), is a 346-bed acute care hospital located in Aurora, Colorado. The Medical Center of Aurora is comprised of six campuses in Aurora and Centennial, Colo., including the South Campus, located at Interstate 225 and Mississippi, the North Campus Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, Centennial Medical Plaza, Saddle Rock ER, Spalding Rehabilitation Hospital, Spalding Rehabilitation at P/SL, and a medical office building at Green Valley Ranch. The South Campus facility is a Level II Trauma Center with Primary Stroke Certification and Chest Pain Center accreditation, and has an affiliation with Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children as well as the Sarah Cannon Cancer Institute. The Medical Center of Aurora received 'A' grades from The Leapfrog Group (Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018), was Colorado's only hospital to receive the Leapfrog Top General Hospital designation two years in a row (2016, 2017), and was recognized as a Best Regional Hospital by U.S. News & World Report (2014-2015, 2017-2018, 2018-2019). The Medical Center of Aurora and its affiliated campuses are part of the HealthONE System. Learn more at AuroraMed.com.
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