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Patient First Opens Its Seventh Center in the Baltimore Washington Area

Ritchie Highway Center to Serve Residents of Pasadena and Surrounding Communities

Baltimore, MD, July 18, 2007. – Patient First announces the expansion of its primary and immediate care services in the greater Baltimore area with the opening of a new center in Pasadena, MD. This will be Patient First's seventh neighborhood medical center in the Baltimore-Washington area and the first in Anne Arundel County. A reception will be held on August 7th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm for local business, community and political leaders. The center is scheduled to open to the public on Friday, August 8, 2008.

Located at 8105 Ritchie Highway, near the intersection with Jumpers Hole Road, the new facility will provide families in the Pasadena and surrounding areas convenient access to primary and immediate care. Free parking is available.

“For more than 25 years, we have been making access to quality medical care as convenient and cost-effective as possible,” states R.P. Sowers, Jr., MD, founder and chairman of Patient First. “We are delighted to be in Anne Arundel County and look forward to serving the community. We will bring the same care and patient commitment to Pasadena that our other centers are known for.”

Open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. 365 days a year, Patient First physicians and their support staff are available for primary care services; work, school, camp and travel physicals; occupational health services, and immediate care services.

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The new Patient First center will offer state-of-the-art medical services including:

- **Primary Care Medicine**

Patient First medical physicians provide preventative and primary medical services. While no appointments are necessary, those choosing Patient First physicians as their primary care provider, can, refer to our website at www.patientfirst.com to see when their preferred doctor is scheduled. Patients may also call the center for a three-day physician schedule. Of course, they can always see whoever is on duty.

- **Immediate Care**

Patient First provides treatment for illness and minor emergencies – offering a convenient, lower cost alternative to visiting a hospital emergency department. Services offered include, care for problems, such as colds, flu, allergic reactions, ear and sinus infections, pneumonia, minor burns, skin rashes, sprains, minor fractures, lacerations and sports injuries.

- **Digital X-Ray Services**

Like all Patient First centers, the new Patient First Pasadena location is equipped with on-site digital x-ray equipment for routine x-rays.

- **Lab Work**

The new Patient First facility's laboratory, which meets CLIA standards, provides on-site service for routine office labs and a send-out service for multiple chemistry panels.

- **Prescriptions**

Patient First dispenses a variety of prescription drugs, such as antibiotics and pain medications, thereby allowing the patient to go home rather than make an additional stop at a pharmacy.

- **Occupational Health**

Since 1981, Patient First has provided Occupational Health services for employees and employers. These services include treatment for workplace injuries covered by Workers' Compensation, as well as DOT physicals, drug screenings and work-site flu shots.

Patient First has six other centers in the Baltimore-Washington area, Laurel, Owings Mills, Green Spring Station, Bel Air, Bayview in Baltimore City, and Perry Hall. Additional centers are scheduled to open in Glen Burnie, Waldorf and White Marsh in 2008.

Patient First accepts all major insurance plans, including CareFirst, Aetna, CIGNA, United Healthcare, Coventry, and TRICARE.

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About Patient First

Patient First is based in Richmond, Virginia, and, with the opening of the Pasadena center, will operate 22 primary and urgent care centers in Virginia and Maryland. Patient First opened its first facility in Richmond, Virginia, in 1981 and developed many automation-based operating systems and practices that were considered innovative at the time and which have been continually improved to meet the needs of today's patients.

For more information, see www.patientfirst.com.

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