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HALIFAX REGIONAL PROVIDES FREE WI-FI ACCESS

ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC - (December 12, 2008) -Halifax Regional now provides an unsecured Wi-Fi "Hotspot" in the Medical Center. Checking email, surfing the internet and keeping up to date with favorite news sites are possible at no cost to patients and visitors.

The Halifax Regional Guest Network is available throughout the Medical Center and is accessible with personal wireless enabled laptops. The Guest Network is separate from any patient information.

"Visitors (and patients when permitted by a physician) will appreciate the ability to maintain contact with the outside world when in the Medical Center," said Cheryl Wheeler, manager of Guest Relations. "The Guest Network provides an opportunity for visitors to visit friends and family in the Medical Center while staying in contact with their office."

Easy-to-follow instructions for using the Guest Network are available at nursing stations.

In addition to the Guest Network, Halifax Regional offers visitors and patients an easy method for telling others about their healing process through Caring Bridge websites. Look for the link to Caring Bridge at www.halifaxregional.us.

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About Halifax Regional-

Halifax Regional Medical Center is licensed for 206 beds, including psychiatric and nursery. A non-profit organization, Halifax Regional is fully accredited by the Joint Commission. For more information, visit www.halifaxregional.us.