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Dr. Maradiaga Elected Medical Staff Chief at Halifax Regional

ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC. (October 28, 2010) Gerardo Maradiaga, MD, an Internal Medicine Specialist, has been elected Chief of the Medical Staff at Halifax Regional.

Dr. Maradiaga joined Halifax Regional Specialists in 1994. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and a Fellow in the American College of Physicians. In addition, he is Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine at the UNC School of Medicine.

As Chief of Staff, Dr. Maradiaga represents the physicians who practice at the Medical Center. In that capacity, he works closely with Will Mahone, president of Halifax Regional, and the Board of Directors.

“We have a common goal with the community,” says Dr. Maradiaga, “and that is to improve the health of the community. Our satisfaction comes when we make a difference.”

Joining Dr. Maradiaga as officers of the medical staff are Natarajan Rajan, MD, Vice Chief of Staff, and Somasekhara Balla, MD, Secretary.

Halifax Regional has invested millions of dollars in bringing the latest medical technology to the community. “The Medical Center provides excellence services, and patients have good outcomes,” he noted.

In his medical practice, Dr. Maradiaga emphasizes to his patients the need for a healthy lifestyle. “Each person can contribute to his or her own good health by following a careful diet, exercising regularly and avoiding bad habits,” he advises.

Dr. Maradiaga came to Roanoke Rapids through the efforts of Marco Caceres, MD, a retired surgeon who now is the Medical Director of the Wound Care Clinic at Halifax Regional.

Dr. Maradiaga's mentor as a child in Honduras was a friend of Dr. Caceres. The mentor has guided Dr. Maradiaga in his pursuit of a medical degree. He graduated first in his class at the University of Honduras Medical School and then came to the United States. He completed his residency at Deaconess Hospital, which is affiliated with the School of Medicine at St. Louis University.

“Dr. Caceres encouraged me to move to Roanoke Rapids to practice medicine,” said Dr. Maradiaga recalls. “He told that that Roanoke Rapids is a wonderful community and a great place to rear children.”

He and his wife Malena have three children that have completed college. Malena is a nurse in the Intensive Care Unit at Halifax Regional.

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Halifax Regional Medical Center is licensed for 204 beds, including psychiatric and nursery. A non-profit organization, Halifax Regional is fully accredited by the Joint Commission. For more information, visit www.halifaxregional.org.