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A RETURN HOME FOR JOHN PUTHENVEETIL

“We Are Here to Take Care of Hearts.”

ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC (February 24, 2012)—As a 41-year resident of eastern North Carolina who has learned to enjoy hunting and fishing, Dr. John Puthenveetil has returned home.

Puthenveetil has become the full time cardiologist at Halifax Regional Cardiology in Roanoke Rapids after having served in Rocky Mount and Jacksonville for many years as well as part time at the former Twin City Cardiology Associates, which is now part of Halifax Regional.

He began his medical education in his native India, graduating from Bangalore Medical College. After an internship, he came to the United States to further his education, completing an internship at the old Watts Hospital in Durham.

From there, he completed two residencies in Internal Medicine, at Pawtucket Memorial Hospital in Rhode Island and DePaul Hospital in Norfolk and the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. In 1971, he completed a Fellowship in Cardiology at MCV.

Then, he joined Boice-Willis Clinic in Rocky Mount and Nash General Hospital where he practiced cardiology and internal medicine for 27 years. During that time, Dr. Puthenveetil served as a member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Heart Association and Vice President of the Medical Staff at Nash General.

He also met Brenda Flye of Tarboro. They married in 1965 and have two children and five grandchildren. His father-in-law, Charlie Flye, taught him to hunt. Dr. Puthenveetil takes the grandchildren fishing at Lake Gaston, his home for the past 10 years.

He also was a Clinical Assistant Professor for the UNC School of Medicine, where he taught students the realities of a medical practice in eastern North Carolina. “They saw what was occurring in Cardiology in community hospitals,” he recalls.

Today, his focus is on preventive care. “We are here to take care of the hearts in the Roanoke Valley,” says Dr. Puthenveetil. He wants adults to know risk factors that lead to heart disease and how to control them.

Many patients have congestive heart failure or coronary artery disease. They comprise the majority of his practice, although he also provides primary care services. He is board certified in Internal Medicine.

He sees patients with shortness of breath, swelling of ankles, chest pain, heart palpitations and those who have Syncope (pass out). His office also adjusts pacemakers and provides EKG testing, stress testing, nuclear imaging, echocardiograms and long term heart monitoring.

Dr. Puthenveetil is in the former office of Twin City Cardiology Associates at 306 Becker Drive in Roanoke Rapids. For an appointment, call 537-9268. Appointments often are available the day patients call, and patients with urgent conditions are accepted anytime.

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