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## NEW HOME FOR WAPAKONETA MEDICAL CENTER

[WAPAKONETA, OH MARCH 15, 2007] ——

The Grand Lake Health System broke ground on Friday, March 16th for a new Wapakoneta Medical Center at the corner of Redskin Trail and Ohio Route 198 in Wapakoneta.

"We are very pleased to bring this new facility to a growing area of Wapakoneta. The Wapakoneta Medical Center has been serving the Wapakoneta community for almost 20 years and the new and expanded facility will enable Dr. Chalasani and his staff to increase services," says Kevin Harlan, President and CEO of Grand Lake Health System and Joint Township District Memorial Hospital.

The new \$1.5 million Wapakoneta Medical Center will be a 10,000 sq. ft. one story brick medical office building. It will be home to the family and internal medicine practice of V.K. Chalasani, M.D., who is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Geriatrics. The Wapakoneta Medical Center has been located at 711 Gibbs Avenue in Wapakoneta and was opened by Joint Township Hospital and Grand Lake Health System in 1988.

The new home of the Wapakoneta Medical Center is projected to open in late summer of this year. Initially, Dr. Chalasani's practice will occupy 6,252 sq. ft. consisting of two medical suites: a large family practice suite with five exam rooms and a small suite with four exam rooms. There will also be a shared radiology/imaging work area and a laboratory area. The remaining portion of the building (3,748 sq. ft.) will be shelled in as an additional wing of the building for future use. The lot will also allow for future expansion of the building. The driveway into the property will be off Redskin Trail.

In addition to Dr. Chalasani's practice, the Wapakoneta Medical Center has the potential to house additional family practice and specialist physicians as well as urgent care services.