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James H. Heineman Vascular Center Opens

The James H. Heineman Vascular Center opened today at the Carolinas Heart Institute, offering specialized vascular care for the Charlotte region. A one-million dollar grant from the Heineman Medical Research, Inc., Foundation, which includes grants from the Dover Foundation, the Mulvaney Group, Ltd., of Charlotte and from Continental General Tire Company, have made this special day possible. The center honors James H. Heineman, a supporter of science, medicine and culture, and former leader of the Heineman Foundation, who died of vascular disease in 1994.

The Heineman Vascular Center brings together under one umbrella specialized treatments that have been developed or employed at Carolinas Medical Center since the very first operation to clear blocked arteries was performed here in 1954.

“The establishment of the James H. Heineman Vascular Center opens a new chapter in our quest to help those with one of the most crippling conditions of mankind: peripheral vascular disease,” said Francis Robicsek, M.D., Ph.D., of CHI and The Sanger Clinic, who is one of the pioneers in the treatment of this condition.

“Opening this facility brings together the wide array of dedicated individuals and skills that has made Carolinas Medical Center a leading center in the treatment of vascular and heart disease,” said CMC President Suzanne Freeman. “Carolinas Heart Institute is known nationally and internationally for its expertise, as well as the quality of care patients receive here.”

In many hospitals, patients with vascular disease are treated in a piece-meal manner. A multi-disciplinary approach, bringing together a variety of specialists, assures patients at the Heineman Vascular Center that each will receive individually tailored care that will best approach his or her unique medical needs. Specialists include dedicated experts in

the diagnosis and treatment of vascular disease, both surgeons and non-surgeons, all specially trained in different branches of vascular and endovascular intervention.

“CHI now performs between 50 and 100 non-invasive procedures a day in the treatment of peripheral vascular disease,” said Jeremiah H. Holleman, Jr., M.D., medical director of the new center. “Over the course of a year, specialists at the Heineman Center will do about 500 angiograms, a thousand endovascular interventions, and about 600 conventional surgical procedures a year.”

Patients to the James H. Heineman Vascular Center will be referred by their personal physicians, and those doctors will be updated by the specialists at the center.

Through compassionate patient care, innovative medical procedures and a strong sense of community, the Sanger Clinic has built a reputation of trust and stability in the Carolinas. Founded in 1946 by Paul W. Sanger MD, the Sanger Clinic has grown to include an impressive staff of adult and pediatric cardiologists, and cardiac, thoracic and vascular surgeons. With 11 locations in both North and South Carolina, the Sanger Clinic offers convenient access to heart care. For more information, visit our website at www.sangerclinic.com