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## Independence Health System Enhances Access to Cardiovascular Services in New Castle

**BUTLER, PA, Aug. 14, 2024** ... Independence Health System is pleased to announce the expansion of its cardiothoracic, vascular and outpatient services at 2602 Wilmington Road, New Castle, Pennsylvania. Joining this location are Dinesh Bhaskaran, MD, FACS, and Justin Wallace, MD, MS, FSVS, RPVI.

Dr. Bhaskaran, a board-certified cardiac and thoracic surgeon, brings more than 25 years of experience in treating heart and lung disorders. His expertise includes high-risk coronary artery bypass graft (CAGB) procedures, transcatheter aortic valve replacements (TAVR), surgical management of cardiogenic shock utilizing various cardiac support devices, robotic lung procedures and complex aortic valve surgeries.

Dr. Wallace, a board-certified vascular surgeon, has more than a decade of experience in endovascular interventions, diagnosing and treating

peripheral vascular disease and wound care. His expertise extends to diagnosing and treating venous disease, lymphedema, peripheral artery disease, renal/mesenteric artery issues, carotid disease, limb salvage procedures, AV fistulas/grafts for dialysis and aneurysms of the descending aorta, abdomen, and extremities.

Dr. Bhaskaran and Dr. Wallace are accepting new patients. To schedule an appointment, call 844-282-4370.

Outpatient services at the New Castle location are available Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Services include walk-in laboratory and EKG testing. Adult echocardiograms, carotid doppler, arterial duplex imaging and venous doppler testing are available by appointment only. For additional information or to schedule outpatient testing, call 877-247-2717.

Independence Health System comprises Butler Memorial, Clarion, Frick, Latrobe and Westmoreland hospitals. The System's highly robust cardiovascular program has achieved numerous national recognitions, with programs ranked among the best by The Society of Thoracic Surgeons, the American Heart/Stroke Association, the American College of Cardiology, and US News, among others. Visit <a href="www.independence.health">www.independence.health</a> to learn more about the award-winning cardiovascular program through Independence Health System.

Nationally recognized for quality care, Independence Health System comprises Butler Memorial, Clarion, Frick, Latrobe and Westmoreland Hospitals with a combined bed count of 925. With more than 1,000 physicians and advanced practice providers and 7,300 employees, the System is the third largest in

western Pennsylvania serving a population base of 750,000 in a footprint spanning more than 10 counties.

The System includes tertiary programs rated among America's best for cardiac care and surgery, earning accolades from a number of prestigious outlets and organizations. Locally owned and locally controlled, Independence Health System offers its patients low-cost, high-quality care across the care spectrum in such specialties as cardiology, cardiovascular and thoracic surgery, orthopedics and sports medicine, minimally invasive and robotic surgery, women's health and obstetrics, emergency medicine, behavioral health and primary care. Its network of outpatient centers sees more than 1.2 million visits annually. The homecare division further supports patients at all stages of life with home health and hospice services. Learn more at www.independence.health