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BHC and Mayo Clinic Celebrate Five Years of Collaboration

PENSACOLA, Fla. (July 27, 2018) Baptist Health Care is celebrating five years as a Mayo Clinic Care Network member. Through this collaboration, Mayo Clinic provides Baptist doctors an additional resource, one that complements the leading, innovative care patients have grown to expect from Baptist.

"We recognized five years ago that collaborating with the world-renowned Mayo Clinic would be a tremendous benefit to individuals in our community, said Mark Faulkner, president and CEO, Baptist Health Care. Looking back over the past five years, those expectations have been exceeded. Through this relationship, we have helped save lives and expanded our capabilities to care for our patients and the community. As the area's only remaining locally owned not-for-profit health care provider, we recognize the importance of creating access to great care and serving people close to home."

As a member of the network, Baptist has accessed special Mayo Clinic resources that assist in the delivery of great care, including eConsults, AskMayoExpert, Grand Rounds and Health Care Consulting. These tools provide our patients the ability to access Mayo Clinics research, diagnostic and treatment resources through their local doctors. They can receive more of their care close to home, at no additional cost to them, and avoid unnecessary travel and inconvenience.

We are pleased to celebrate this milestone with Baptist Health Care, says Ryan Uitti, M.D., medical director, Southeast Region, Mayo Clinic Care Network. Their membership in the Mayo Clinic Care Network is a great example of their dedication to providing the best care, close to home. We're honored to be a resource, and we look forward to continuing our collaboration.

Mayo Clinic has facilitated more than 500 eConsults with Baptist providers. These consults allow Baptist physicians and advanced practitioners to consult directly with Mayo specialists on their patients behalf.

BHC team members have completed 22,000 AskMayoExpert (AME) content inquiries. AME is a point-of-care tool that offers clinical information on hundreds of medical conditions and includes care process models and patient information education. Access to the vast AME library is on every work station throughout Baptist. It is at the fingertips of clinical team members who use these resources for care management and patient education.

Grand Rounds give Baptist physicians, advanced practitioners and nursing staff access to archived presentations by Mayo Clinic physicians and scientists that address a range of specialty and general medicine areas. Team members may earn continuing medical education credit or nursing contact hours by viewing these educational materials. Additionally, Baptist has hosted 12 Mayo Clinic physicians who have spoken to team members and the community. Topics include those on trauma, sepsis and cardiovascular care.

Health Care Consulting gives BHC access to Mayo Clinics unique combination of practical experience and subject matter expertise. Baptist uses this to benchmark Mayo Clinics best practices in relation to programmatic development, operations, strategy and patient care. During the collaboration, BHC has completed more than 1,000 benchmarking / consulting engagements covering a wide range of topics.

We are very appreciative of the relationship and professional resources that are available through the Mayo Clinic Care Network, said Cynde Gamache, DBA, R.N., NE-BC, chief nursing officer at Baptist Health Care. In the Baptist Nursing Community of Practice, we have taken advantage of many opportunities over the past five years for education, benchmarking and networking arrangements. All of these have contributed to advancements in nursing practice and nursing leadership.

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Baptist Health Care is a community-owned, not-for-profit health care organization committed to improving the quality of life for people and communities in northwest Florida and south Alabama. The organization is a proud member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. A 2003 Malcolm Baldrige recipient, Baptist continuously strives to be a national leader in quality and service. Baptist Health Care includes three hospitals, four medical parks, Andrews Institute for Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine, Lakeview Center, Baptist Medical Group and Cardiology Consultants. With more than 6,500 employees and employed physicians, Baptist Health Care is the largest non-governmental employer in northwest Florida. For more information, please visit www.eBaptistHealthCare.org.

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