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Cleveland Clinic Rehabilitation Hospital Opens in Avon,
Expected to Add 200 Jobs Once Fully Operational
Patrick Schmitt, D.O., named Medical Director of New Joint Venture Hospital
Co-Owned by Select Medical

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015, Cleveland: The new Cleveland Clinic Rehabilitation Hospital, a joint venture between Cleveland Clinic and Select Medical, officially opened today. Once it is fully operational, the hospital is expected to employ approximately 200 employees.

The new 60-bed, adult inpatient rehabilitation hospital next to Cleveland Clinic’s Avon medical campus offers comprehensive rehabilitation treatment for patients with complex neurological, medical and musculoskeletal disabilities.

The 68,000-square-foot hospital will feature private rooms and the latest rehabilitation equipment to care for people with stroke, spinal cord injury, brain injury, and a variety of medical and surgical conditions. The hospital will also serve as a primary teaching site for a new residency program for physicians in physical medicine and rehabilitation beginning in July 2016.

“Our existing platform of rehabilitation will be taken to the next level through the combined expertise of our organizations,” said Frederick Frost, M.D., chairman of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Cleveland Clinic. “This beautiful new facility will allow patients to access treatment that rivals any rehabilitation program in the United States.”

Patrick Schmitt, D.O. will serve as the medical director for Cleveland Clinic Rehabilitation Hospital. Dr. Schmitt most recently served as medical director of rehabilitation for Cleveland Clinic’s East Region and holds an appointment in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and the Department of Bioethics.

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Dr. Schmitt, a native of Erie, Pa., received his D.O. degree from Des Moines University and completed a residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation at Temple University Health Science Center and Moss Rehabilitation Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa. He received his B.S. in biology from Gannon University in Erie, Pa. He is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, the Cleveland Academy of Osteopathic Medicine and the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Dr. Schmitt is board certified by the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. He joined Cleveland Clinic in 2010.

“This exciting new partnership has allowed us to develop comprehensive programs that reflect both the mission of Select Medical and Cleveland Clinic to provide an exceptional patient care experience that promotes healing and recovery in a compassionate environment,” Dr. Schmitt said. “Cleveland Clinic Rehabilitation Hospital will be committed to Cleveland Clinic’s guiding principle of ‘Patients First,’ with a focus on comprehensive rehabilitation and a goal to maximize the health, function, and quality of life to those we serve, ultimately returning those patients back to their homes.”

Cleveland Clinic Rehabilitation Hospital is an acute inpatient rehabilitation facility. Its patients will have close physician specialty care, including physicians trained in physical medicine and rehabilitation. Programming at the new hospital will take advantage of Select Medical’s experience partnering with its flagship hospital Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation in New Jersey. For at least a decade, U.S. News & World Report has named Kessler among the top one percent of the nation’s rehabilitation hospitals.

“Cleveland Clinic Rehabilitation Hospital will employ 200 clinicians and staff, and will draw patients from the region as well as from the large national and international population served by Cleveland Clinic,” said Sam Bayoumy, CEO, Cleveland Clinic Rehabilitation Hospital. “We are so fortunate to have someone of Dr. Schmitt’s caliber leading our medical and clinical staff through what promises to be an exciting period of growth.”

More information on the Cleveland Clinic Rehabilitation Hospital can be found at clevelandclinichospital.com.

About Cleveland Clinic
Cleveland Clinic is a nonprofit multispecialty academic medical center that integrates clinical and hospital care with research and education. Located in Cleveland, Ohio, it was founded in 1921 by four renowned physicians with a vision of providing outstanding patient care based upon the principles of cooperation, compassion and innovation. Cleveland Clinic has pioneered many medical breakthroughs, including coronary artery bypass surgery and the first face transplant in the United States. U.S. News & World Report consistently names Cleveland Clinic as one of the nation’s best hospitals in its annual “America’s Best Hospitals” survey. More than 3,000 full-time salaried physicians and researchers and 11,000 nurses represent 120 medical specialties and subspecialties. The Cleveland Clinic health system includes a main campus near downtown Cleveland, eight community hospitals, more than 90 northern Ohio outpatient locations, including 18 full-service family health centers, Cleveland Clinic Florida, the Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health in Las Vegas, Cleveland Clinic Canada, and Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi. In 2014, there were 5.9 million outpatient visits throughout the Cleveland Clinic health system and 152,500 hospital admissions. Patients came for treatment from every state and 147 countries. Visit us at www.clevelandclinic.org. Follow us at www.twitter.com/ClevelandClinic.
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