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## CHANDLER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER'S CARDIAC CATHETERIZATION LAB SEES 3,000 PATIENTS IN 2009

**CHANDLER, Ariz.** (January 7, 2010) – Since its inception in 2001, Chandler Regional Medical Center's cardiac catheterization (cath) lab has grown exponentially, from treating 147 patients in its first year to over 3,000 patients in 2009. "Of those, more than 800 cases were angioplasties to alleviate coronary blockages, and another 300 diagnosed the need for open heart surgery," says Bill Orłowski, director of the cardiovascular service line for Chandler Regional Medical Center.

Orłowski notes that since March 2001, the hospital has added a new patient tower, a percutaneous coronary intervention program, a second cardiac cath procedure room, and an open heart surgery program. "Plans are currently underway to begin construction in the first quarter of 2010 to expand the existing space, providing two additional cath labs and 10 patient care zones," Orłowski adds.

"The cardiac cath lab staff has surpassed all expectations," says Patty White, president and CEO of Chandler Regional Medical Center. According to White, who joined Chandler Regional late last year, she's heard exemplary stories of the patient care driven by the competency, longevity and commitment of the program's doctors and staff.

In addition to performing a myriad of inpatient and surgical procedures, the hospital has also added a prevention and education component for the benefit of the community, helping to combine a healthy lifestyle with early detection, reducing the occurrence of sudden and undetected problems.

"The addition of our HeartAware™ online risk assessment has helped individuals to better understand their cardiac risk factors," adds Orłowski. Those deemed at risk have the option to schedule a free, in-person consultation with a cardiac clinician. With the assistance of ResourceLink, HeartAware™ participants are also able to schedule follow-up care, such as a calcium score exam or cardiac computed tomography

angiography, as well as seek a referral to a cardiologist with privileges at either Chandler Regional or Mercy Gilbert Medical Center.

To access the HeartAware™ online risk assessment, please visit [heartawaretest.com](http://heartawaretest.com) or call 480.728.3639. For a doctor referral, please call ResourceLink toll-free at 1.877.728.5414.

### **About Chandler Regional Medical Center**

Chandler Regional Medical Center is a 225-bed, acute-care, non-for-profit provider of emergency care, maternal child services, cardiovascular services, wound healing, cancer treatment, diabetes treatment, and diagnostic services. It is located at 475 S. Dobson Road (corner of Dobson Road and Frye Road) in Chandler. For more information, please visit [www.chandlerregional.org](http://www.chandlerregional.org) or call 480.728.3000. Chandler Regional Medical Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE). For employment opportunities, please visit [www.chwcareers.org/arizona](http://www.chwcareers.org/arizona). For information on physician referrals or community classes and support groups, please contact ResourceLink toll-free at 1.877.728.5414.

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