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Wuesthoff Medical Center Melbourne Approved To Provide Emergency and Elective Angioplasty Cardiac Procedures

*“New cardiac catheterization lab at Wuesthoff Melbourne to
play a key role in the treatment of heart patients”*

Brevard County, FL (May 27, 2010) Wuesthoff Medical Center Melbourne has received approval from the state to open a new cardiac catheterization lab to provide emergency and elective angioplasty cardiac procedures.

A minimally invasive procedure to restore blood flow to the heart, angioplasties are performed by placing a thin, balloon-tipped catheter into blocked heart arteries, the balloon is then expanded to compress against the artery wall to restore blood flow.

“With heart disease being the number one cause of death in the US, it was important for Wuesthoff Melbourne to provide comprehensive coronary interventions. This new service will contribute significantly to the immediate treatment of heart care for our patients,” said Bill Hines, Wuesthoff Medical Center Melbourne administrator.

According to Hines, Wuesthoff Melbourne has always had the capability to diagnose and stabilize heart attack patients, but not to provide treatment for those patients needing angioplasty procedures.

Located next to the hospital emergency department, the nearly 600-square foot cath lab contains state-of-the-art cardiac imaging technology available around the clock, 365 days a year.

“We are extremely pleased to provide this advanced level of cardiac care to our community,” added Hines.

Additional cardiac services performed at Wuesthoff Medical Center Melbourne are EKG’s, cardiac stress tests (nuclear and exercise), ECHO cardiograms, diagnostic cardiac catheterization, peripheral diagnostics, peripheral interventions, and cardiac pacemakers.

For more information on Wuesthoff cardiac services, log onto www.wuesthoff.org.