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Wuesthoff Medical Center Rockledge Continues to Perform Transmyocardial Revascularization (TMR) Cardiac Laser Surgeries

Brevard County, FL (January 26, 2010) Wuesthoff Medical Center Rockledge is one of only a few hospitals in the region to perform Transmyocardial Revascularization (TMR) laser heart surgery procedures utilizing state-of-the-art Cardiogenesis technology.

The TMR procedure is performed by using a surgical laser to create tiny channels in the heart muscle. The procedure is recommended for patients who suffer from severe angina, and recommended for those who are not good candidates for open-heart surgery or angioplasty. The tiny channels created in the heart muscle are typically one millimeter in diameter resembling the size of a standard sewing needle, and placed approximately one-half inch apart.

"Open heart surgery or angioplasty procedures are not always options for patients with heart disease," said Dr. Guillermo Sanabria, Wuesthoff Health System cardio-thoracic surgeon. "TMR procedures work to increase the blood flow to the heart muscle, stimulate the growth of new small blood vessels in the heart, and reduce pain in the patient by impairing nerves."

Cardiogenesis is a medical device company specializing in the treatment of cardiovascular disease and a leader in devices which stimulate cardiac angiogenesis. Surgical products and accessories for the Cardiogenesis TMR procedures marketed in the U.S. and around the world have been shown to reduce angina and improve the quality of life in patients with coronary artery disease.

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