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Vascular & Endovascular Center of WNY to Join Catholic Health Network

Catholic Health is pleased to announce that the Vascular & Endovascular Center (VEC) of Western New York will be joining its physician practice network, Trinity Medical WNY. The group's partners, Joseph M. Anain, Sr., MD, FACS; Paul M. Anain, MD, FACS; Roger Walcott, MD, FACS; Aimee Swartz, MD; and Gregory Clabeaux, DO, FACOS, will join Trinity Medical's growing list of specialty providers. VEC's office locations in Buffalo, Amherst, Hamburg and Niagara Falls will be renamed Trinity Vascular & Endovascular Center.

Founded by Dr. Joseph Anain, Sr., VEC has been a leading vascular care provider in Western New York for decades and is ranked among the top 3% of vascular surgery practices nationally. The group treats a variety of vascular conditions, including: Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD), Carotid Artery Disease, Thoracic/Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT), and Venous Disease, including varicose veins and spider veins. The well-equipped VEC Aortic & Vascular Center at Sisters of Charity Hospital is the most advanced vascular surgery center in the region.

"VEC's ties to Catholic Health and Sisters Hospital go back generations, so we are excited to continue our longstanding relationship as part of Trinity Medical," said VEC in a joint statement. "Through our team of highly skilled board-certified and fellowship-trained vascular surgeons, and the state-of-the-art facilities we have at Sisters Hospital, our group has set the standard for the highest quality vascular care in Western New York. We look forward to continuing to advance the practice of vascular surgery in our community."

A forerunner in vascular surgery, Dr. Anain, Sr. developed the first angiography suite at Sisters Hospital in 1967 and pioneered many vascular procedures locally, including performing the first peripheral artery stent implant. In 1999, the same year his son Paul joined the practice, he performed the first FDA-approved aortic stent graft in Western New York for the treatment of an abdominal aortic aneurysm. Together, father and son created Catholic Health's first stent program for carotid artery disease at Sisters Hospital.

"Catholic Health remains an area leader in vascular surgery and we are proud to work hand in hand with VEC to bring the most advanced vascular care to our community," said Mark A. Sullivan, President & CEO of Catholic Health. "The entire VEC medical team is among the best in the region and we are pleased they have chosen to continue their careers with Trinity Medical."

The full integration of the Vascular & Endovascular Center of WNY into the Trinity Medical practice network will be completed over the next few months. The transition will be a seamless one for VEC patients, who will continue to receive care by the same providers and support staff at the group's current locations.

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About Trinity Medical WNY

Trinity Medical WNY is a multi-specialty physician practice network with offices in Erie and Niagara counties. The network includes physician practices specializing in cardiology, cardiothoracic surgery, bariatric surgery, obstetrics & gynecology, and primary care. Trinity Medical's clinical teams, which include physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners, are affiliated with Catholic Health in Buffalo, NY. The members of Trinity Medical WNY are committed to improving the overall health of the community by providing the highest quality care in an environment that emphasizes patient satisfaction, trust and open communication.