

MANA EXPANDING SERVICES TO BENTONVILLE

--Medical Specialists, Mammograms Offered at New Bentonville Clinics--

FAYETTEVILLE –To better serve their patients who live or work in Benton County, Medical Associates of Northwest Arkansas (MANA) will open two new clinics on July 3, 2006, totaling 6,047 square feet in Bentonville’s Fountain Plaza at 801 South East Plaza Avenue, including a screening site for The Breast Center of Northwest Arkansas.

At the MANA Bentonville clinic, patients will have the opportunity to make appointments with medical specialists who are based out of Washington County. The specialists are MANA affiliated physicians including neurosurgeons from Northwest Arkansas Neuroscience Institute and nephrologists, gastroenterologists, and pulmonologists from Fayetteville Diagnostic Clinic. The MANA Bentonville office will also provide lab work, pulmonary testing, and imaging services such as X-Ray and ultrasound.

Also at 801 South East Plaza, a MANA affiliated practice, The Breast Center of Northwest Arkansas will open a second office to provide screening mammograms. The Breast Center will offer digital mammography with computer aided detection, the latest breast cancer screening technology available, at the new Bentonville site to make having a yearly screening mammogram more convenient for women who live or work in the area.

“We want to make health care convenient for the patient whenever possible,” said Paula Maxwell, MANA Vice President of Clinical Services. “If patients are traveling from Bentonville to Fayetteville to see a specialist or have a special screening, it just makes sense to open a site in the area and bring the medical care to them,” explains Maxwell. Maxwell pointed out that today’s patient has less time to visit the doctor. Offering the specialized healthcare services closer to the patient’s home or office makes the service more accessible.

The Breast Center is now scheduling mammogram visits for the Bentonville office at www.breastcenternwa.com or by calling 479-271-0084. To schedule a visit with one of the medical specialists at MANA, patients may call 479-271-0073 or 479-582-7330.

The Breast Center of Northwest Arkansas's main office at 55 West Sunbridge in Fayetteville provides a full array of breast health services including screening and diagnostic mammograms, Breast MRI, breast ultrasound, breast biopsies, and varicose vein treatment.

MANA currently has 13 clinics in Washington County. This will be the physician organization's first site in Bentonville. MANA physicians are owners of their clinics and have a strong commitment to their patients. MANA has a Physician Board of Directors and an administrative team that manages the clinics human resources, physician recruiting, marketing, accounting, and information systems, allowing for the clinic's staff to focus on quality healthcare. In a world where medicine has become a complicated business, MANA has made a strong commitment to remain focused on the patient.

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