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WRCS Celebrates Another Successful Match Day *30 New Residents will be welcomed to Forum Health*

(YOUNGSTOWN, OH – MARCH 25, 2010) For the fourth year in a row WRCS filled every residency position listed in the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP) on “Match Day” which was held on March 18.

On July 1, Northside Medical Center will welcome these 30 new residents to Forum Health. The WRCS Residency Programs is the largest and oldest teaching hospital in this region beginning in 1881. The first residency program was accredited by the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) in 1947.

Today, WRCS Residency Programs include Surgery, Pathology, Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Dental and Podiatry. Upwards to 60% of our primary care program residents continue to practice in our community today.

“Our program directors, talented faculty and dedicated staff did a wonderful job in the recruitment and selection of very talented and bright, young doctors,” said Kimberly Howe, PhD, FCCM, Corporate Director of Academic Affairs, WRCS. “This success is a testimonial to the accredited residency programs that are attracting talent from all across the country.”

According to the NRMP, the 2010 Main Residency Match was the largest in NRMP history, encompassing more than 37,000 applicants, 4,100 graduate medical education programs, and 25,500 residency training positions.

The Match was established in 1952, at the request of the medical students, to provide a fair and impartial transition from medical school to residency. At that time, the NRMP, a private, not-for-profit organization, was established. It is sponsored by the American Board of Medical the American Hospital Association and the Council of Medical Specialty Societies.

Conducted annually by the NRMP, the Match uses a computer algorithm, designed to produce favorable results for students, that aligns the preferences of applicants with the preferences of residency programs in order to fill the thousands of training positions available at U.S. teaching hospitals.

The Match is seen as an important “rite of passage” along the path to becoming a doctor. Results can be an indicator of career interests among graduating medical school students.

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