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TO: Forum Health Community
FROM: Keith T. Ghezzi, M.D., President and CEO
RE: Ireland Cancer Center

I am pleased to announce that Trumbull Memorial Hospital has reached agreement with University Hospitals' highly regarded Ireland Cancer Center in Cleveland to begin offering expanded cancer treatment at TMH.

Ireland is a nationally recognized cancer treatment center, one of only 40 Comprehensive Cancer Centers in the United States designated by the National Cancer Institute. This relationship with a major academic and research institution means that area cancer patients will have local access to the latest therapies, clinical trials of new drugs and treatment studies, and a full array of leading diagnostic tools for lung, breast, brain, skin, gastrointestinal, prostate and other major cancers.

As part of the new agreement, it is also my pleasure to announce that Narayana G. Memula, M.D., a radiation oncologist with Ireland Cancer Center, has joined the Trumbull medical staff and is seeing patients in the Radiation Oncology Department at 1353 East Market Street in Warren. Medical oncology specialists also will begin treating in-patients and out-patients this fall at Trumbull, in a service line that we expect to grow as the volume of patients builds.

Look for ads announcing Dr. Memula's arrival in the Tribune Chronicle on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

This good news is part of our overall strategy to attract additional physician specialists, enhance core service lines and continue providing superb medical care to patients in the Mahoning Valley as we also work to improve efficiency in our finances and operations.

Located on the campus of University Hospitals Case Medical Center, the Ireland Cancer Center serves the clinical needs of 3.8 million people of Northeast Ohio. It offers leading-edge oncology treatments, and because of its affiliation with Case Western Reserve University, it conducts numerous studies aimed at cancer treatment and prevention.

Our press release being issued tomorrow quotes John Nash, senior vice president and general manager of the Ireland Cancer Center, saying, "We are thrilled to have this opportunity to extend the care and expertise of our nationally recognized cancer center to the Trumbull area. We look forward to serving the region fully with the addition of a medical oncologist there in the near future."

I want to thank TMH President Kevin Spiegel and Senior Vice President Todd Hickey for their work in establishing the Trumbull-Ireland relationship. This is a very important development for patients and physicians in this area and their leadership and vision made it possible.

I also thank TMH's many physicians, nurses and technicians who will be helping to make this promising new arrangement a great success and service to the Trumbull community.