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## FORUM HEALTH'S NORTHSIDE MEDICAL CENTER ANNOUNCES FAST TRACK OPENING

Youngstown, OH - Forum Health Northside Medical Center is proud to announce the opening of a seven-bed Fast Track area within the hospital's Emergency Department.

Northside continues to be the leader in city-based healthcare as the only Youngstown hospital to implement a Fast Track ED program. The program will officially launch September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Our new family-friendly Emergency Department Fast Track program will help non-life-threatening emergency patients be seen, treated, and released faster than at other area hospitals.

Through the Fast Track program, non-critical patients will be immediately assessed for urgency and sent for evaluation by a physician for quick, accurate diagnosis. This ensures that patients with ailments such as sprains, minor broken bones, flu or lacerations will not languish for hours in the ER, but will rather be seen by a doctor, treated, and on their way home to recuperate in about an hour.

Under the direction of Neal Tishman, DO, Chairman of Emergency Medicine here at Forum, the Northside Fast Track is just one more way Forum Health proves our commitment to improving quality healthcare for our patients, right here in Youngstown. Dr. Tishman has implemented similar programs at Beeghly Medical Park in Boardman and Trumbull Memorial Hospital in Warren, with continued success.

"With the commitment of Forum's Administration, and the entire Emergency Department Staff, our Fast Track will provide a much-needed service to the patients and families of the Youngstown area," said Dr. Tishman.

Please join us in celebrating cutting edge healthcare at Northside Medical Center, where we have been caring for Mahoning Valley residents for more than 125 years.

Northside Medical Center: We know medicine. We know you.

**\*MEDIA OPEN HOUSE: Thursday, August 30<sup>st</sup> from Noon - 2:00PM. Walk-through tours and light refreshments will be available. Neal Tishman, M.D., Chairman of Emergency Medicine, and Jon Arnott, M.D., Senior Vice President of Quality and Utilization Management, Co-Chair/Chief Medical Officer will be on hand to answer questions from the press about NMC's Fast Track program.**

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