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PROVIDENCE HEALTHCARE NETWORK ANNOUNCES
THE PROVIDENCE ROBOTIC SURGERY INSTITUTE
FEATURING THE NEWEST TECHNOLOGY IN SURGERY TODAY:
da Vinci® Si™ SURGICAL SYSTEM

Waco, November 26, 2012 -- Providence Healthcare Network is pleased to introduce the Providence Robotic Surgery Institute. This new program has been developed around the da Vinci® Si™ Surgical System, a leading edge robotic surgery technology that is revolutionizing the way surgical procedures are being done. This is a significant arrival because of the benefit and value it offers our surgeons and patients in Central Texas.

The da Vinci® Si™ has several unique features designed to provide additional clinical benefits and efficiency in the operating room, many of which translate to patient benefits. Here are a few features of the da Vinci® Si™:

• Enhanced 3D, high-definition vision of operative field with up to 10x magnification
• Superior visual clarity of tissue and anatomy
• Surgical dexterity and precision far greater than even the human hand
• Updated and simplified user interface to enhance OR efficiency
• New ergonomic settings for greater surgeon comfort

Together, these technological advancements provide our surgeons with unparalleled precision, dexterity and control that enable a minimally invasive approach for many complex surgical procedures. Commenting on the introduction of the da Vinci Si System, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Kent Keahey said, “We believe that the new features of the da Vinci Si System will help us provide the best possible outcomes and is evidence of our commitment to provide our community access to the latest advancements in minimally invasive surgery.”

da Vinci’s advanced level of technology takes surgery beyond the limits of the human hand. This acquisition complements our goal of extending minimally invasive surgery to the broadest possible base of patients. It can be used for a multitude of procedures, including, but not limited to: prostatectomy, hysterectomy, myomectomy, coronary artery bypass, mitral valve repair and colorectal surgery.

The da Vinci Robot will be presented to the media at the Women and Newborns Center Opening Reception on Thursday, December 6, from 4-5 pm in the Providence Pavilion Atrium.
Founded in 1905, Providence has been serving a growing community of more than 234,000 for over 10 decades. Providence is a comprehensive healthcare network that year after year provides the best physicians and staff with leading edge equipment and facilities. It’s this commitment to the best care that drives our vision and results in Providence consistently being recognized and certified for excellence in healthcare.

The Providence Healthcare Network proudly serves as a member of Ascension Health, the nation's largest Catholic and largest nonprofit health system. For more information about Providence or the da Vinci Si/System, please contact us at the number below or visit our website at www.providencerobotics.org

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**About the Providence Healthcare Network**

A member of Ascension Health, the nation’s largest Catholic non-profit integrated health system, Providence Healthcare Network is dedicated to spiritually centered, holistic care, which sustains and improves the health of individuals and communities. Beginning in 1905 as Waco’s first hospital, Providence is now the largest employer in Waco, with over 2,500 associates, physicians and volunteers. Our 650-bed system, encompassing Providence Health Center, Providence Park, Providence DePaul Center, and a network of outpatient clinics and facilities, offers the most comprehensive continuum of care for Central Texans throughout their lifetime. Nationally recognized for quality care, Providence is a Joint Commission Certified Level II Primary Stroke Center, an Accredited Chest Pain Center with PCI designated by the Society of Chest Pain Centers and has been recognized by HealthGrades to be among the top five percent in the nation for emergency medicine.

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