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PHS Area Physician Offers Free Student Athlete Physicals in Marshall County

Students must bring in their individual school physical forms for completion.

Mishawaka, IN – April 20, 2010 -- Physicians Hospital System (PHS), a network of physician-owned healthcare facilities providing a continuum of care to patients in northern Indiana and southern Michigan, announced today that Dr. Viraj Patel with the Family Medicine Center in Plymouth, Indiana, will offer free student athlete physicals in May 2010.

Dr. Patel, a family medicine physician, will offer the physicals for student athletes beginning May 3, 2010, on any weekday after school from 3:30 p.m. until closing. There will be no Saturday hours offered. All students must make an appointment by calling the Family Medicine Center at 574-936-3178. Students must bring with them to the appointment their individual school physical form so that it may be completed. Free physicals will be offered only during May. Throughout the year, school physicals are offered at the Family Medicine Center for eighty dollars.

Dr. Patel has practiced as a family physician at the Family Medicine Center in Plymouth since March 2009. He was chief resident for St. Joseph Medical Center (SJMC), South Bend, in 2007 and worked as an SJMC attending physician until October 2008.

Office hours are Monday through Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

About Physicians Hospital System--

Physicians Hospital System (PHS) is a network of physician-owned facilities providing a continuum of care to patients in north central Indiana and southern Michigan. Made up of physician practices and clinics, PHS features Doctors Hospital and Neuromuscular Center in Bremen, Indiana; RiverCrest Specialty Hospital and Unity Medical and Surgical Hospital, both in Mishawaka, Indiana. PHS facilities provide general, orthopedic and spine surgery, neuromuscular treatment and long-term acute care. To learn more, visit our web site: <http://www.physicianshospitalsystem.com>.