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BayCare Medical Group Welcomes Four Board Certified Physicians

Two Primary Care Physicians and Two Specialists are now accepting new patients.

CLEARWATER, Fla., (February 2, 2017) – BayCare Medical Group is expanding services in Polk County with the addition of four new physicians. Preyanka Aggarwal, MD and Wendy Quiles, MD, are Primary Care Physicians, Christopher N. Nobo, MD is a gastroenterologist, and Kamal Sharma, DO, is a medical oncologist/hematologist.

Dr. Preyanka Aggarwal joined BayCare Medical Group (BMG) in late December to practice at BMG Primary Care in Haines City, located at 36245 Highway 27. She earned her medical degree at Santosh Medical College and Hospitals in Ghaziabad, India and completed her residency in family medicine at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc, MI.

Dr. Aggarwal is board certified in family medicine and is also certified in advanced cardiac life support, pediatric advanced life support and as a practicing HIV specialist. She is a member of the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Family Physicians, and the American Academy of HIV Medicine.

The BMG Primary Care practices see patients age 2 and older. For an appointment at BMG Primary Care in Haines City, call (863) 421-9801.

Dr. Wendy Quiles joined BayCare Medical Group (BMG) in October to practice at BMG Primary Care in Bartow, located at 1625 N. Carpenter Avenue. She earned her medical degree at Ross University School of Medicine in Roseau, Dominica and completed residency in family medicine at TriHealth, Bethesda Family Medicine in Cincinnati, OH.

Dr. Quiles is board certified in family practice, and is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians and the American Board of Family Medicine.

The BMG Primary Care practices see patients age 2 and older. For an appointment at BMG Primary Care in Bartow, call (863) 533-1448.

Dr. Christopher Nobo joined BayCare Medical Group in September to open a gastroenterology specialty practice. He is on the medical staff of Bartow Regional Medical Center and Winter Haven Hospital. Dr. Nobo, a Bartow native, is board certified in internal medicine and gastroenterology. He earned his medical degree from the University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine in

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Tampa; and completed an internal medicine residency at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, NC and a gastroenterology fellowship with the University of South Florida.

Dr. Nobo is a member of the American Medical Association, the American Gastroenterological Association and the Florida Medical Association, and is a board member of the Florida Medical Association's Council of Medical Education, Science and Public Health.

Dr. Nobo has also participated in several research studies on gastrointestinal, esophageal, and duodenal involvement in cancer patients and evaluating nutritional deficiencies in the veteran population. He is certified in endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) – a diagnostic procedure used to evaluate problems of the liver, gallbladder, bile ducts, and pancreas.

By returning to his hometown, Dr. Christopher Nobo is continuing a family tradition with his work at Bartow Regional Medical Center. Both his father, Dr. Ralph Nobo, an obstetrician-gynecologist, and his grandfather, Dr. Rafael Nobo, who was a general surgeon, have served patients since 1963.

To make an appointment with Dr. Christopher Nobo, call (863) 733-4380. Appointments can be made at either his Bartow office located at 2000 Osprey Blvd, Suite 110, or in Winter Haven at 7599 Cypress Gardens Boulevard.

Dr. Kamal Sharma joined BayCare Medical Group in September to practice at Winter Haven Hospital's Cassidy Cancer Center. She is the medical director for the Cassidy Cancer Center, and is on the medical staff of Winter Haven Hospital.

Dr. Sharma is board certified in internal medicine, medical oncology and hematology. She earned her doctorate in osteopathic medicine from the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine in Old Westbury, NY. She completed an internship and residency in internal medicine at the State University of New York (SUNY) in Buffalo, NY, where she chose to study translational research in oncology. Translational research involves analyzing patients and customizing successful cancer treatments for them when possible. She then followed with fellowships in medical oncology and hematology at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD.

Dr. Sharma brings an extensive experience in clinical trials and drug development. An accomplished author and presenter, she has contributed her medical knowledge to numerous peer publications and associations, including *Science Translational Medicine*, *Clinical Cancer Research* and *Best Practices & Research Clinical Hematology*.

The Cassidy Cancer Center see patients age 18 and older, and is located within Winter Haven Hospital at 200 Ave. F Northeast in Winter Haven. For an appointment, call (863) 292-4670.

About BayCare Medical Group

BayCare Medical Group is the largest multi-specialty physician group in the greater Tampa Bay area, with more than 500 providers and 45 specialties. In 2014, HealthPoint Medical Group, Morton Plant Mease Primary Care and Specialists, St. Anthony's Primary Care and Specialists and Suncoast Medical Clinic formed to become BayCare Medical Group. In 2016, Winter Haven Hospital's Family Health Centers and employed physician specialists, as well as Bartow Regional Medical Center's employed physicians, joined BayCare Medical Group. For more information, visit www.BayCareMedicalGroup.org.

About BayCare Health System

BayCare Health System is a leading community-based health system in the Tampa Bay area. Composed of a network of 14 not-for-profit hospitals, outpatient facilities and services such as imaging, lab, behavioral health and home health care, BayCare provides expert medical care throughout a patient's lifetime. With more than 200 access points conveniently located throughout Tampa Bay, BayCare connects patients to a complete range of preventive, diagnostic and treatment services for any health care need. The BayCare family of hospitals includes Mease Countryside, Mease Dunedin, Morton Plant, Morton Plant North Bay, St. Anthony's, St. Joseph's, St. Joseph's Children's, St. Joseph's Hospital-North, St. Joseph's Hospital-South, St. Joseph's Women's, South Florida Baptist, Winter Haven, Winter Haven Women's and Bartow Regional Medical Center. For more information, visit www.BayCare.org.

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