Gastroenterologist of 22 Years Joins Melbourne Regional, Steward Health Care

*Mahboob M. Alikhan, MD, FACP, has continuing fascination
with function and complexity of digestive tract*

Melbourne, Florida (December 18, 2019) – Melbourne Regional Medical Center, a member of Steward Health Care family, is pleased to welcome Mahboob M. Alikhan, MD, FACP. Board-certified in gastroenterology, Dr. Alikhan specializes in diagnosing, treating and preventing many problems of the digestive tract and related organs.

"The GI tract is a very fascinating and diverse organ," said Dr. Alikhan. "It's interrelated with the brain and nervous system, with hormones and the immune system. There's a lot of complexity related to this organ, which makes it all extremely interesting."

Dr. Alikhan earned his medical degree from Loyola University of Chicago, Stritch School of Medicine. He did his internal medicine residency at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, IL, and completed his gastroenterology fellowship at Indiana University Medical Center under renowned physicians in the field, such as Douglas Rex, MD; Glen A. Lehman, MD; and Stuart Sherman, MD.

Fluent in multiple languages, including Hindi and Urdu, the Chicago native has been a physician for 22 years, serving in Port St. Lucie, Merritt Island and Melbourne.

One of his primary career objectives is educating the community about colorectal cancer prevention. Dr. Alikhan treats GERD/Barrett's disease, colon cancer and polyps, among many other conditions of the digestive tract.

The Consumers' Research Council of America rated Dr. Alikhan as a top physician in the 2009-2010 list of America's Top Gastroenterologists List. The American College of Physicians has named him a fellow.

Dr. Alikhan has written a number of articles, case reports and abstracts for such pubs as the American Journal of Gastroenterology and Gastrointestinal Endoscopy.

He said that treating patients with GI problems gives him an opportunity to improve their quality of life, which he finds deeply satisfying. "It's the impact I'm able to make on the lives of patients who come to us in times of distress: That makes it all worthwhile when we can ease pain, comfort patients, offer moral support and compassion," Dr. Alikhan said. "Medicine gives us an opportunity to make the world a better place."

Dr. Alikhan is now accepting new patients at his practice at 240 North Wickham Road, Suite 309, Melbourne, FL 32935. Anyone wishing to schedule an appointment may call the practice at (321) 752-1630.

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The Steward Health Care Network includes 5,000 physicians across 800 communities who help to provide more than 12 million patient encounters per year. Steward Medical Group, the company's employed physician group, provides more than six million patient encounters per year. The Steward Hospital Group operates hospitals in Malta and nine states across the U.S., including Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Utah.