



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Grand Opening - Village East Medical**

The City of Pickering is proud to announce the recent opening of Village East Medical, marking a substantial advance in the health services now available to our residents. Village East Medical is a new, state of the art medical facility, modeled after the Mayo Clinic. As of September 2007, Village East Medical is home to Pickering Diagnostic Centre, Digestive Health Clinic, and Pickering Cardiovascular Institute.

The new 7,000 sq foot facility is located at 1031 Brock Road, near the 401. Patients will benefit from multiple services including access to specialists in cardiology, gastroenterology and hepatology, nuclear medicine, radiology and general surgery. The facility is home to hospital grade equipment, diagnostic imaging and cardiac testing.

Medical Director, Dr. Pardeep Nijhawan, M.D., F.R.C.P (C), F.A.C.G. states, "Our commitment to high standards of patient care, using state-of-the-art technology is reflected in our facility. We are the first facility in Canada to house the new Philips Brightview. This nuclear medicine camera features new technologies that allow it to get closer to patients, for superior image resolution. In addition, we are the first site in North America to offer Capsule Colonoscopy; a miniature camera, once swallowed, allows the visualization of the colon in a non-invasive manner. We are confident that the new technologies at Village East Medical will provide top-of-the-line clinical evaluation of our patients."

The facility allows multiple test to be completed in one or two visits. This is the ideal facility for cancer screening and cardiac testing in one centralized location.

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