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Uniontown Hospital Media Release

Physicians honored on National Doctors' Day

From bringing new life into the world in the labor and delivery suites to brining better blood flow to hearts and arteries in the cardiac catheterization lab, the physicians at Uniontown Hospital work tirelessly to provide for the needs of Fayette County.

As such, Uniontown Hospital is proud to acknowledge the excellent service and care provided by the more than 200 physicians working in and with the hospital on this National Doctors' Day, 2015.

"We are blessed with an exceptional team of physicians from more than 30 specialties that are dedicated to our commitment as a facility – to make a healthy difference in the lives we touch," Steve Handy, Uniontown Hospital CEO, said. "Our doctors are the cornerstone of the care we provide and they are focused on ensuring that there is safe, quality care available for our community."

National Doctors' Day is held each year at the end of March to recognize and observe the contributions of physicians to the health and betterment of the nation. From patients in need of emergency care to others seeking orthopedic care at the Hospital's Joint Replacement Center – physicians are at the forefront of the hospital's efforts to provide for the health of Fayette County and beyond.

Executive Director of Medical Services, Dr. Linda Burstynowicz, said that with so many physicians doing so much for the hospital, the annual Doctors' Day celebration was again extended to a week of recognition at Uniontown Hospital to ensure all doctors know how valued they are.

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"Our doctors and surgeons have varied schedules and it is important that they are all aware of how much they mean to us, so we decided to make it a week of recognition for our physicians," Burstynowicz said. She said that as part of the hospital's thanks, a reception is being held Tuesday evening at Duck Hollow for hospital physicians.

Emergency, Imaging and Surgical departments Executive Director Mark Dillon said that while it takes a team effort by all hospital staff to meet the standard of care the community has come to expect, it is the physicians who are the guideposts for that standard and they meet and exceed expectations daily. "We have a wonderful group of physicians that recognize that providing excellent patient care is our priority," Dillon said. "That recognition is what helps our facility maintain the highest level of care."

While the practice of observing Doctors' Day dates back to the Great Depression, it was first officially recognized by U.S. Congress in 1958. In 1990, with approval from both houses of Congress, President George H.W. Bush signed legislation officially recognizing National Doctors' Day.