

## **Construction begins on facility to house new Lewis-Gale Imaging Center and physician practice at Daleville Town Center**

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Salem, Virginia, March 16, 2010 – Site work on a \$5 million, 19,564 square-ft. building that will house a new Lewis-Gale outpatient imaging center and physician practice began today. Celebrating with a groundbreaking ceremony were officials from HCA Virginia Health System, Fralin & Waldron, and Botetourt County. Actual construction will begin in May, immediately following the completion of site work.

Housed in the new facility will be a 3,100 square-foot imaging center which will provide area residents with general radiology services (x-rays), ultrasound, and CT services. The facility will also include a 5,000 square-foot physician practice which will offer primary care and various specialty services.

“We are extremely pleased to introduce this type of facility and service to Botetourt County,” stated Victor Giovanetti, president, HCA Southwest Virginia. “It offers what patients and their physicians are now expecting in healthcare services – highly advanced technology from a convenient, easily accessible location. This particular site will be a new, convenient access point for Botetourt County residents who wish to utilize our health system.”

The imaging center will be the first dedicated outpatient imaging center in Botetourt County and will, along with the adjacent physician office, offer a relaxing, home-like environment that complements the new Daleville Town Center architectural styles.

“Botetourt County is extremely pleased to welcome Lewis-Gale to Daleville Town Center,” stated Jerry Burgess, chairman, Botetourt board of supervisors. “Excellent jobs, economic activity, and the provision of much needed medical services in the heart of Botetourt are all to be celebrated at today’s groundbreaking.”

“From the time Fralin & Waldron envisioned Daleville Town Center, medical services have been seen as a need and opportunity,” stated Karen Waldron, CEO and owner of Fralin & Waldron. Lewis-Gale Imaging Center will serve Daleville Town Center, as well as surrounding areas, as an anchor tenant which will likely increase the need for additional medical services and offices.

The new outpatient imaging center, tentatively scheduled to open in May, 2011 will be the sixth outpatient center in HCA Virginia Health System’s southwest region.

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**About Lewis-Gale Imaging at Daleville**

Lewis-Gale Imaging Center at Daleville will be the sixth outpatient center in HCA Virginia Health System's southwestern region. HCA Virginia is a network of locally managed hospitals, surgery centers, and outpatient diagnostic and treatment facilities in central, southwest, and northern Virginia. Last year, HCA Virginia's 13,600 employees treated 1.2 million patients and provided \$106 million in free charity care. In addition, our network paid \$113 million in taxes and donated \$3 million to local nonprofit organizations in our communities.

In Southwest Virginia, HCA Virginia includes Lewis-Gale Medical Center, Alleghany Regional Hospital, Montgomery Regional Hospital, Pulaski Community Hospital, 2 cancer centers, 5 outpatient imaging centers, 1 outpatient surgery center, and hundreds of employed and independent physicians who partner with our health system for their patients' care. For more information see [www.HCAVirginia.com](http://www.HCAVirginia.com).