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### **Additional Emergency Physician Joins Cotton-O'Neil Clinic Medical Staff**

(Topeka, Kan., July 13, 2009) – Stormont-Vail HealthCare proudly welcomes Kansas natives and husband and wife Emergency Medicine physicians, Kevin Schierling, M.D. and Michelle Schierling, M.D., to the Cotton-O'Neil medical staff. These physicians bring the total number of emergency physicians available in the Stormont-Vail Emergency Department and Trauma Center to 15 doctors.

#### **Kevin Schierling, M.D.**

Dr. Kevin Schierling received his medical degree at the University of Kansas School of Medicine, Kansas City, in 1998. He went on to complete a residency in family medicine at Lincoln Medical Educational Foundation, Lincoln, Neb., in 2001. Dr. Schierling is board certified by the American Board of Family Practice.

Prior to relocating to Topeka, Dr. Schierling served as the assistant medical director and practiced as an emergency physician at Horizon Medical Center in Dickson, Tenn. Patient volumes at the facility typically exceeded 37,000 patients per year.

#### **Michelle Schierling, M.D.**

Dr. Michelle Schierling received her medical degree at the University of Kansas School of Medicine, Kansas City, in 2004. She then completed a residency in Emergency Medicine at Vanderbilt University, in Nashville, Tenn., in 2008, and she was

awarded the Vanderbilt University Chief Resident Award in 2008. Dr. Schierling has been working as an emergency medicine physician at Horizon Medical Center, Dickson, Tenn., since she completed her residency.

Dr. Michelle Schierling has prior experience working at Stormont-Vail. In 1999, she worked in the emergency department as a physician assistant.

Together, this husband and wife team is happy to be back in the state of Kansas where they can be closer to friends and loved ones.

**About Cotton-O'Neil Clinic**

Cotton-O'Neil Clinic is the largest multi-specialty physician group in Topeka, Kan. There are currently more than 172 physicians affiliated with Cotton-O'Neil Clinic, *PediatricCare* and the 13 regional clinics that reach out to communities surrounding Topeka. As a group, they make up the Medical Services Division of Stormont-Vail HealthCare, and function as an integrated health care delivery system. The clinic merged with Stormont-Vail HealthCare, a Joint Commission-approved, non-profit organization in 1996. Together, they care for patients throughout northeast Kansas.

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