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**New Medical Facility Offers the New River Valley Community Evening Hours with
Compassionate Care**

Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) announces the opening of **Academic Primary Care Associates on September 10, 2007**. The newly constructed office is located on the first floor of Montgomery Regional Hospital and will provide primary care medical services including family medicine, sports medicine, preventive medicine, osteopathic manipulative therapy, and immediate care. Ward Stevens, Executive Director of Academic Practices at VCOM said, “Academic Primary Care Associates is pleased to have the opportunity to provide primary care services for the residents of the New River Valley.” Academic Primary Care Associates physicians include Michael Clary D.O, Mark Rogers D.O., Sarah McGinley D.O., who will practice family medicine and osteopathic manipulative medicine. One additional family medicine doctor will join the practice later in the year.

The practice will also house Academic Sports Care Associates including Per Gunnar Brolinson, D.O., Dr. Shawn Kerger, D.O., and the sports medicine practices of Dr. Rogers and Dr. McGinley, all who are fellowship trained in sports medicine. Immediate Care services will be offered in the future (Nov. or Dec.) and the practice will offer extended hours. Academic Primary Care Associates, “will provide an excellent opportunity for our medical students to learn how to provide essential primary care services utilizing osteopathic principles in a caring and

compassionate environment.” stated Dean Dixie Tooke-Rawlins, D.O. of VCOM. Academic Primary Care Associates staff is excited about the opportunity to bring a new dimension of medical services to the New River Valley.

Academic Primary Care Associates is located at Montgomery County Regional Hospital (540) 443-7180.

About VCOM: *Located in Blacksburg, Virginia, the Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) prepares osteopathic primary care physicians to serve the rural and medically underserved areas of Virginia, North Carolina and the remaining Appalachian region and provides scientific research that will improve the health of all humans. The College has a collaborative partnership with Virginia Tech and is located in Blacksburg, Virginia,*

About Osteopathic Physicians: *Osteopathic physicians (D.O.s) are licensed in every state to practice the full scope of medicine, including examining patients, diagnosing illness, performing surgery, and writing prescriptions. D.O.s practice in every field of medicine as full physicians and since their training emphasizes principles that the body can heal itself given optimum conditions, disease prevention and proper nutrition and exercise are emphasized in their practice of medicine. D.O.s are also trained in musculoskeletal manipulation to address overall health needs of their patients.*

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