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### **PATIENTS FIRST OPENS WASHINGTON PARKING GARAGE**

July 16, 2009, Washington, MO..... Patients First Health Care reached a milestone on Thursday when a ribbon-cutting was held for the company's new three-tiered parking garage, the first parking structure of its kind in Washington, Missouri. City officials and members of the Washington Chamber of Commerce joined Patients First physicians and employees as the bridge walkway was officially opened.

All employees and tenants of the Washington Patients First facility were treated to lunch during the mid-day festivities. Dr. Michael Rau, Chairman of Patients First Health Care, commented, "This is a great day for Patients First and for our employees who have spent the past year parking on surrounding streets or participating in the shuttle service we provided during our construction. Our employees pulled together to help us reach this goal, and I want to thank them for their participation and effort."

"We also thank our neighbors," Rau continued, "who encountered additional traffic and parked cars in the neighborhood during our construction project. Our goal is to eliminate all on-street parking in the coming weeks."

The new parking structure offers three levels of parking and will accommodate 689 vehicles. The middle level of parking, which is directly connected to the bridge walkway, is reserved for patients parking. The ground level and top level will be used by physicians and employees. The bridge walkway will connect the parking garage to a new north entrance to the Patients First building. When combined with the additional parking lots surrounding the medical facility, Patients First will offer more than 1,000 parking spaces for patients and visitors.

The three-level parking garage is part of the \$30.4 million expansion project at the Patients First campus in Washington. The new additions to the building include an ambulatory surgery center, a cancer center offering a full range of cancer services, additional physician offices, conference rooms, and expanded tenant spaces. The entire expansion project should be completed by year end.