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EVERETT CLINIC PHYSICIAN CHOSEN AS A “BEST DOCTOR” IN AMERICA

(Everett, WA)—Dr. Thomas J. Smith, a surgeon at The Everett Clinic, has been included in the *Best Doctors in America 2003-2004*. Only physicians who earn the consensus support of their peers are included; listings cannot be bought. For this reason, inclusion in *Best Doctors* is considered a singular honor.

Dr. Smith joined The Everett Clinic in 2002 as the first surgical oncologist in the General Surgery department. Dr. Smith is also the Medical Director of the Breast Center at Providence Everett Medical Center. Previously he served as Chair of the Department of Surgery at Morristown Memorial Hospital and was a surgical oncologist with the Comprehensive Breast Cancer program at H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center at the University of South Florida.

Dr. Smith received his medical degree from Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston and completed his internship and surgical residency at the New England Medical Center in Boston. He went on to complete two years of fellowship in the surgery branch of the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland and is board certified in Surgery.

The *Best Doctors in America* database represents the top five percent of doctors in more than 400 subspecialties of medicine. The database contains the names and professional profiles of approximately 31,000 doctors in the United States, all chosen through an exhaustive peer-review survey in which thousands of doctors participate.

The Everett Clinic, founded in 1924, is a locally owned and operated physician group practice serving more than 275,000 patients in greater Snohomish County. The Clinic's team of more than 215 physicians provides thirty diverse specialty care services in addition to primary care services. The Everett Clinic is considered one of the most successful health care providers in Washington State and is often recognized nationally for its innovative approach to patient care and medicine, which has included articles in *The New York Times* and *US News & World Report*. The Everett Clinic can be found at www.everettclinic.com.