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MEDICAL GROUPS TO CONVERT HOTEL TO SLEEP DISORDER CLINIC

Everett, WA— The Everett Clinic and Western Washington Medical Group have established The North Puget Sound Center For Sleep Disorders ("Sleep Center") and will be located at the former Marina Village Inn, near the waterfront, in Everett.

The Sleep Center is expected to open this fall for diagnosis of patients with various sleep disorders. Qualified clinical pulmonologists and technicians from The Everett Clinic and Western Washington Medical Group will operate the Sleep Center, under the supervision of a physician medical director.

Many patients suffer from sleep disorders, and sleep deprivation may result in reduced energy, greater difficulty concentrating, diminished mood, and greater risk of accidents. Diagnosis and treatment is key. Clinical understanding and advances in treatment of sleep disorders has grown significantly during the last few years.

"Currently, there is a wait of two months to have a sleep study conducted locally," said Mark Mantei, Chief Operating Officer of The Everett Clinic. "We hope to address the growing demand for sleep services with this new Sleep Center. Converting an existing hotel into a sleep study center is a perfect use of space."

The Sleep Center will have 10 to 12 beds. The remodel will include updates to safety equipment, as well as installation of video cameras and medical monitors to monitor patient's brain activity. Additionally, Western Washington Medical Group will also convert some of the space into administrative offices.

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