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THE EVERETT CLINIC RECEIVES 2004 AMGA ACCLAIM AWARD

Everett, WA— The Everett Clinic is one of five recipients to receive a 2004 American Medical Group Association (AMGA) Acclaim Award. The Clinic received this prestigious award for dramatically improving patient access, safety, and satisfaction.

The \$ 20,000 educational grant was awarded to The Everett Clinic for continuing focus on patient safety, quality of care, and cost-effectiveness throughout the organization. The Everett Clinic will use the grant to continue:

- Expanding the use of its Computerized Medical Record (CMR) system
- Implementing a mobile CMR
- Improving the cost and quality of digital prescribing
- Implementing an “Advanced Access” model of care in all primary care sites and selected specialty departments
- Offering advanced communication training to new physicians

“The Everett Clinic is pleased to be among such prestigious winners as the Mayo Clinic and Johns Hopkins University in receiving this award,” says Dr. Albert Fisk, Medical Director of The Everett Clinic. “We will use the educational grant to further our work on improving quality and patient safety.”

Julie Sanderson-Austin, RN, Vice-President of Quality Management and Research for AMGA said, “We hope [The Everett Clinic’s] outstanding efforts in patient care and outcomes will be an inspiration to other organizations.”

The award recipients were announced at the AMGA Institute for Quality Leadership Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN, October 21-23, 2004.

The Everett Clinic, founded in 1924, is a locally owned and operated physician group practice with 220 physicians providing more than 40 diverse specialty care services. The Clinic is often recognized nationally for its innovative approach to patient care and medicine, including articles in *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *US News & World Report*. The Everett Clinic’s website is www.everettclinic.com.