



A JOINT VENTURE

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Saint Vincent Health System continues to expand its services in the Yorktown medical plaza with the introduction of a new, state-of-the-art endoscopy center. The Saint Vincent Endoscopy Center is a non-hospital based outpatient center that provides the highest quality endoscopic services in a comfortable atmosphere.

The center's convenient location offers patients ease of access and more personalized care than a traditional hospital setting. Patients can take comfort in knowing they will be receiving individual attention from a caring and highly skilled staff of doctors and nurses at the center. Primary care physicians will also benefit from immediate turnaround of procedure results through the use of electronic medical record, among other accommodating features.

"The Saint Vincent Endoscopy Center was built with patients in mind,"

says Saint Vincent president and CEO, C. Angela Bontempo, MHA/MBA, FACHE. "We continuously strive to meet the needs of our patients in new and different ways. Our goal is to deliver innovative patient service and reach beyond expectations, and the Saint Vincent Endoscopy Center is a prime example of that." The Saint Vincent Endoscopy Center specializes in procedures of the gastrointestinal tract, including: esophagus, stomach and duodenum (upper endoscopy or EGD); colon (lower endoscopy or colonoscopy); and sigmoid colon (flexible sigmoidoscopy or flex sig).

The Saint Vincent Endoscopy Center, which opened in October 2008, is located at 2501 West 12 Street in Erie's Yorktown Plaza. Parking is free. Office hours are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saint Vincent Endoscopy Center was developed and is managed with the

assistance of Physicians Endoscopy, a nationally recognized leader in the area of endoscopic ambulatory surgery centers.



**C. Angela Bontempo**  
President & CEO,  
Saint Vincent Health System

Barry Tanner, president of Physicians Endoscopy stated,

"It is a privilege to work with Saint Vincent Health System and its physicians. The development and management of endoscopic surgery centers is our only business, and we are completely committed to helping Saint Vincent deliver the best possible facility and services to its patients. The cooperation and support of Saint Vincent Health System in this joint effort has been overwhelmingly positive."

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