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FIVE PHYSICIANS JOIN BAY VALLEY MEDICAL GROUP

Increases Depth in Family Medicine and OB/Gyn Offices

HAYWARD, CA – Over the past year, Bay Valley Medical Group has added five new doctors including Anupama Velpuri, M.D., Laura Keels, RN-FNP, Suman Veeragandham, M.D., Ting Wu, M.D., and Rama Polisetty, M.D.

Dr. Velpuri graduated from Kakatiya Medical College in 2004, located in Warangal, India. She completed her residency at San Joaquin Hospital, and now works for Bay Valley Medical Group in the Pleasanton office as a family medicine physician.

Laura Keels graduated from Johns Hopkins in 2000 and later received her master's degree in nursing at University of California San Francisco. Keels received valuable learning experience from her work with international health promotion programs such as Amigos de la Americas and Child Family Health International. She also did volunteer work for Hurricane Katrina victims in Houston, Texas before starting work for Bay Valley Medical Group. She is currently working in the Hayward office as a family nurse practitioner.

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Dr. Veeragandham received her medical degree from the University of Southern California in 1993. She then held internships at UCSD Medical Center, followed by an internship at UCLA, each for a year. After later completing her residency at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Lukes Medical Center, Dr. Veeragandham opened her own private OB/Gyn practice. She was in private practice in Indiana for several years before joining Bay Valley Medical Group. Her primary office is currently in Hayward, but she also sees patients in the newly expanded Castro Valley office.

Dr. Ting Wu, an experienced family medicine physician has also joined Bay Valley Medical Group. Dr. Wu graduated from the Shanghai Second Medical University in 1990. She gained hands-on training in her internship with the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, as well as in her three-year residency beginning in 2000 at the Sacred Heart Hospital, located in Pennsylvania. Dr. Wu's primary location is in the Hayward office, but she also practices in the Castro Valley office as well.

Dr. Rama Polisetty, joined Bay Valley this year. She recently completed her OB/Gyn residency at White Memorial Medical Center in Los Angeles. Her medical pursuits began in 1993 when she enrolled at the Andhra Medical School in Visakhapatnam, India. Though she recently completed her residency in the United States, Dr. Polisetty has had many years of experience in health care services around the world.

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"The additions of these doctors will provide great care to our many patients throughout the East Bay area," said administrator Shelley Horwitz. "They all have proven themselves as valuable members of the team, and will continue to contribute to support Bay Valley's commitment to providing compassionate care and service to our patients through partnership with physicians, hospitals and health plans."

These doctors also add to the health care service of Bay Valley Medical Group because they speak a number of languages in addition to English. Dr. Velpuri speaks five foreign languages, including Hindi, Kannada, Telugu, Urdu, as well as medical Spanish. Laura Keels speaks Spanish, and Dr. Veeragandham speaks both Spanish and Telugu. Additionally, Dr. Wu speaks Mandarin, and Dr. Polisetty speaks Hindi and Telugu. Some of the other languages spoken at Bay Valley Medical Group include Vietnamese, Tagalog, Thai, Farsi, and Korean. A full list of languages spoken is posted on the Bay Valley Medical Group website.

Bay Valley Medical Group is one of the most established multispecialty group practices in the Bay Area having served Alameda and Contra Costa Counties since 1954, and one of only a few in northern California that remains physician owned and governed. Over the past decade, Bay Valley Medical Group has grown into a large multispecialty group practice, including a network of over 350 physicians practicing at six local and three referral hospitals. For more information please visit our website at www.bayvalleymedicalgroup.com.

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