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### **Russell Beck, MD named Chief of Staff for Banner Gateway Medical Center**

Russell Beck, M.D. was recently named Chief of Staff for Banner Gateway Medical Center. Over the next year, Dr. Beck will play an integral role in the development of a medical staff organization to support Banner Health's newest hospital, scheduled to open in the Town of Gilbert in the fall of 2007. "I am honored to serve as the inaugural chief of staff for Banner Gateway Medical Center," said Dr. Beck. "I see my role as facilitating the development of a strong medical staff with the highest standards of practice to match the high quality of care for which Banner Gateway has been designed."

Dr Beck is a obstetrician/gynecologist with an office in Mesa. He has been on staff at Banner Mesa and Banner Baywood Medical Centers since 1989, serving as Chief of Staff, OB/GYN chair, Perinatal Chair and Bylaws Chair. "Dr. Beck is an excellent choice to lead the medical staff of Banner Gateway," said Becky Kuhn, Banner Gateway CEO. "His leadership experience will serve us well as we open this highly advanced, state of the art medical center."

Dr. Beck will lead the new medical staff in preparing for the new hospital by developing application processes, bylaws, physician privileging and much more. Banner Gateway Medical Center will transform the health care experience through evidence based research, state of the art technology and a healing environment. These tools will ensure the hospital offers patients the best medical outcomes, highest quality of care and outstanding service.

Banner Gateway Medical Center will open in the fall of 2007 with 167 private patient rooms, a 30-bed Emergency department, and seven operating suites. Services will focus on obstetrics, pediatrics, general surgery and emergency services, as well as other services based on community need.

The hospital was created with evidence-based research in hospital design that supports patient and staff safety in an innovative, healing environment. The medical center will feature family friendly visitor spaces, room service for patients and families, in-room access to the internet and many other amenities. The use of advanced technology such as computerized medical records, remote access for physicians to receive up-to-the-minute patient information, computerized medication orders and special lighting levels to improve safety will create an innovative, state of the art medical center in a healing environment.

Banner Gateway Medical Center is part of Phoenix-based Banner Health, one of the largest, not-for-profit health systems in the country. The system owns or manages 19 acute care hospitals, six long term care centers and an array of other services, including family clinics, home care services, a nursing registry and home medical equipment services in seven states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Nebraska, Nevada and Wyoming.

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