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AdventHealth Welcomes to Cardiologist, Eduardo Balcells, MD, to Lead **Interventional Cardiology Program**

April 8, 2024; HENDERSONVILLE, N.C. – AdventHealth Hendersonville is excited to welcome Eduardo Balcells, MD to our team at AdventHealth Medical Group Cardiology at Medical Office Building*. Dr. Balcells will serve as the Medical Director of Cardiology and lead the development of the new Interventional Cardiology program. He brings with him a wealth of experience in cardiology and a commitment to providing patientcentered care.

Board-certified in internal, cardiology and vascular medicine, Dr. Balcells is also a Registered Physician in Vascular Interpretation. Over the past eight years he has cared for patients at Pardee Hospital, Charles George VA Medical Center and Haywood Regional Medical Center. Now he is bringing his nearly 30 years of cardiology expertise to the growing number of patients choosing AdventHealth for care.

Dr. Balcells was drawn to AdventHealth's holistic and whole-person approach toward patient care and is excited to be joining us during this exciting growth phase as we work to better serve our community.

Dr. Balcells believes in treating the person, not just the disease, and offers space and time for patients to share who they are.

"I want to empower my patients. They shouldn't be dependent or defined by their disease," says, Eduardo Balcells, MD. "I am committed to help them live the best version of themselves, wherever they are in their disease or health journey."

"Dr. Balcells has a unique approach to his professional role that creates a connection to people facing heart health concerns," explains Christy Sneller, MBA, Vice-President of Physician Services for AdventHealth Hendersonville. "He is an exceptional physician, but he sees himself as a member of this patient's health and wellness team. He doesn't just prescribe a course of treatment. He is inviting his patients to join him for fitness and wellness classes he teaches. It's a true relationship with his patients."

AdventHealth is excited to have Dr. Balcells stepping into this role. He has received national honors for his expertise in patient care, research and education. As Medical Director of Cardiology, he will lead the work to launch interventional cardiology care at AdventHealth Hendersonville expanding the choices for heart care for people across our region.

Interventional cardiology is a specialized area of heart medicine that uses less invasive methods to treat heart conditions. Doctors use tiny incisions and special tools on flexible tubes, called catheters, to repair the heart or clear blockages in blood vessels. This means patients can avoid the risks of open-heart surgery and often recover more quickly, getting back to their daily lives with improved heart health.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Dr. Balcells is married and has five children. He and his wife enjoy spending time together teaching yoga.

Outside of work, Dr. Balcells values fitness, community connection, and improving community resources to better the lives of those marginalized and disadvantaged by health, income, or life tragedies.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Eduardo Balcells to AdventHealth Hendersonville.

To learn more about AdventHealth Hendersonville's growing heart health care, visit AdventHealthNC.com or call **855-774-LIFE** (5433).

*A hospital department of AdventHealth Hendersonville.

About AdventHealth Hendersonville: Founded in 1910, AdventHealth Hendersonville is dedicated to meeting the health care needs of our growing communities, providing high-quality, compassionate, not-for-profit care in a Christian environment.

In 1984, AdventHealth Hendersonville became a member of Adventist Health System. With a sacred mission of Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ, AdventHealth is a connected system of care for every stage of life and health. More than 90,000 skilled and compassionate caregivers in physician practices, hospitals, outpatient clinics, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies and hospice centers provide individualized, wholistic care. A shared vision, common values, focus on whole-person health and a commitment to making communities healthier unify the system's more than 50 hospital campuses and hundreds of care sites in diverse markets throughout almost a dozen states.

AdventHealth Hendersonville consistently earns national ranking for its commitment to patient safety, earning 15 consecutive "A" grades in **Leapfrog Group's Safety Grade** survey, and the **2021 and 2022 Leapfrog Top Hospital Award** for outstanding quality and safety.

AdventHealth Hendersonville includes cardiac care & rehabilitation, emergency services, nationally awarded cancer care, state-of-the-art surgical care, full-service orthopedic care, an award-winning labor

& delivery experience, and a full range of imaging services to help people across our region experience whole health. For more information about AdventHealth Hendersonville or to find a physician, please visit AdventHealthNC.com or call 855-774-LIFE (5433). ###
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