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San Luis Diagnostic Center Joins French Hospital Medical Center
State-of-the-art outpatient imaging center provides another access point of care for French Hospital patients

SAN LUIS OBISPO, May 4, 2015 – French Hospital Medical Center (FHMC) which along with Arroyo Grande Community Hospital (AGCH) and Marian Regional Medical Center (MRMC) are Dignity Health's Central Coast hospitals, is pleased to announce the acquisition of the San Luis Diagnostic Center. This new addition will provide FHMC patients and the community at large greater access to advanced outpatient diagnostic services at a premier local imaging center.

San Luis Diagnostic Center, located in downtown San Luis Obispo at 1100 Monterey St. less than a mile from the FHMC campus, joins Dignity Health Central Coast's three on campus imaging centers and seven outpatient imaging service centers. Our imaging centers bring together the latest in diagnostic imaging technology and some of the region's leading specialists in mammography, radiology, and women's health.

FHMC's acquisition of San Luis Diagnostic Center went into effect on **May 1, 2015**. San Luis Diagnostic Center will provide outpatient services as an outpatient department of FHMC. Not only will this acquisition provide another access point of care in state-of-the-art outpatient imaging for FHMC's patients, FHMC will be able to offer additional high end diagnostic services not currently available at any other San Luis Obispo County hospital.

Patients at San Luis Diagnostic Center will see no changes in operation and will continue to receive the excellent imaging and care they have come to expect. The name of the San Luis Diagnostic Center will remain the same. Fred Vernacchia, M.D., who founded San Luis Diagnostic Center in 1994, will continue to serve as the Medical Director.

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"This new partnership will allow San Luis Diagnostic Center to extend its reach to patients who previously did not have access to our services," says Dr. Vernacchia. "I am excited that even with the challenges in health care today, as a Dignity Health Partner, San Luis Diagnostic can continue to offer the state-of-the-art quality services that we are known for."

"We are excited to welcome San Luis Diagnostic Center and Dr. Vernacchia and his exceptional team to French Hospital and Dignity Health Central Coast," says FHMC President/CEO Alan Iftiniuk. "This partnership will help us continue to ensure our patients receive the very best quality care, service and safety."

Members of media were invited to attend a special ribbon-cutting and sign unveiling event on Monday, May 4 at the San Luis Diagnostic Center announcing French Hospital's new acquisition.

About French Hospital Medical Center
French Hospital Medical Center, located in San Luis Obispo, California, is rated among the top hospitals in the nation for cardiac, orthopedic and GI services. The Copeland, Forbes, and Rossi Cardiac Care Center provides the latest innovative cardiac and imaging technology. The hospital is home to the unique Hearst Cancer Resource Center offering free education, resources and support to cancer patients and their families. French is a Dignity Health Central Coast hospital which also includes Arroyo Grande Community Hospital in Arroyo Grande, CA, Marian Regional Medical Center in Santa Maria, CA, St. John's Regional Medical Center in Oxnard, CA and St. John's Pleasant Valley in Camarillo, CA. Dignity Health Central Coast is an integrated network of top quality hospitals, physicians from the most prestigious medical schools, and comprehensive outpatient services including primary care offices, premier ambulatory surgery centers, technologically-advanced laboratories and imaging centers and a full service home health agency; all recognized for quality, safety and service. Each hospital is supported by an active philanthropic Foundation to help meet the growing health care needs of our communities. To learn more go to www.frenchmedicalcenter.org.