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Ileostomy Surgery News: Olympia Medical Center Is New Home for Surgery Focused on Patients Experiencing Poor Or Failed Outcomes with J Pouch or Kock Pouch Procedures

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/24-7PressRelease/ - LOS ANGELES, CA, April 26, 2008 - Ileostomy surgery for patients who have had a poor or failed outcome with J Pouch or Kock Pouch procedures is now available through Olympia Medical Center's new Continent Ostomy Center. Dr. Don J. Schiller specializes in performing BCIR ileostomy surgery, a procedure that eliminates the need for ileostomy patients to wear a bag or other external appliance.

Located in west Los Angeles, the Olympia Medical Center is a 204-bed, acute care private hospital that has been serving the community for 50 years. It is accredited by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the nation's oldest and largest hospital accreditation agency.

"Only a handful of U.S. physicians perform this highly specialized type of ileostomy surgery," said Dr. John Calderone, CEO of Olympia Medical Center. "And Dr. Schiller has been performing it continuously, longer than anyone."

Schiller's ileostomy surgery practice extends well beyond the southern California area, says Calderone. "Dr. Schiller is known nationally and internationally. Called a BCIR, he performs this specialty ileostomy surgery on patients from all over the world."

BCIR is an abbreviation for Barnett Continent Intestinal Reservoir, named for the American doctor who modified the original Kock Pouch procedure more than 25 years ago. "With this type of ileostomy surgery," says Schiller, "a self-sealing internal pouch is created that temporarily stores waste, eliminating the need to wear a bag or other external appliance." Schiller says insurance companies typically approve the BCIR. Medicare also approves it.

Most hospitalized surgery patients are treated with a vertical care model, says Calderone. "A diseased organ is removed or repaired and the patient recovers with no need to see the surgeon again. With Dr. Schiller, BCIR ileostomy patients receive longitudinal care which means he is available for care and consultation long after a patient's discharge from our hospital. Dr. Schiller's BCIR ileostomy patients are literally a phone call away from him." Calderone says he is proud Schiller chose Olympia Medical Center for his ileostomy surgery work. "In return, we have assembled an extraordinarily-trained staff to assist him with his patients."

Schiller says between 500,000 and one million Americans have ulcerative colitis, and from ten to 50 percent will require complete removal of their large intestine (colon and rectum) to cure the disease. "The peak incidence of ulcerative colitis occurs in people between the ages of 15 and 25. With familial polyposis, three people per 100,000 population are afflicted," says Schiller. "The condition leads to hundreds and thousands of polyps in the large intestine during teenage years. Inevitably," he says, "removal of the colon and the rectum is required to prevent colon cancer from occurring at a young age. BCIR ileostomy surgery gives them back control over the discharge of internal waste."

Additional information about Dr. Schiller and BCIR ileostomy surgery and the new Continent Ostomy Center at Olympia Medical Center can be obtained by calling Dr. Schiller at (310) 204-4565 or by calling his program coordinator, Tillie Huber, RN, at 800-677-5252. Dr. Schiller's website is www.ileostomy-surgery.com.

About Dr. Schiller -

Don J. Schiller, MD, FACS, is a leading authority on BCIR ileostomy surgery. He has operated on hundreds of ileostomy patients including nearly twenty years performing the Continent Intestinal Reservoir ileostomy. He received his Medical Degree from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, New York. After two years of post-graduate training at the Bronx Municipal Hospital Center, he completed four additional years of Surgery Residency at UCLA Medical Center in Los

Angeles. Dr. Schiller is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

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