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RVU Adjunct Faculty Member Named Chief Executive Officer of Billings Clinic

[November 22, 2019 – Parker, CO] Scott Ellner, DO, MPH, MHCM, FACS, has been selected by the Billings Clinic Board of Directors as the next Chief Executive Officer of Billings Clinic. Billings Clinic is the largest health system serving Montana, Wyoming, and the western Dakotas. He will assume the role in January 2020.

Dr. Ellner is a board-certified physician specializing in general surgery and currently serves as Group President for Physician Alignment at Centura Health in Colorado and western Kansas, overseeing a healthcare system that meets the needs of over a half million people each year.

Throughout his career, he has spearheaded widely acclaimed patient safety initiatives, such as implementing the Saint Francis Surgical Safety Task Force which significantly improved patient outcomes in the Operating Room. He also frequently speaks on surgical quality, value-based health care delivery and physician leadership.



Scott Ellner, DO

In a release by Billings Clinic, Joy Ott, Billings Clinic Board Chair, said that “as a board, we were very impressed with Dr. Ellner’s passion for patient safety and quality healthcare, along with his commitment to the people that make it possible to deliver on the mission.”

At Billings Clinic, Dr. Ellner will focus on expanding resources from the Billings market to rural areas of Montana, in particular much needed psychiatric care. With an exceptional background as an educator, he is also excited about the Clinic’s internal and psychiatry residency programs.

Dr. Ellner serves as adjunct clinical associate professor at Rocky Vista University (RVU) and is a founding member of the newly created University Executive Advisory Council (EAC) in Colorado. The EAC advises the University’s President and identifies opportunities for students including mentoring, residency programs, and service projects. Additionally, Dr. Ellner was the Commencement Speaker in 2019.

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About Rocky Vista University (RVU)

RVU is a health-sciences university based in Parker, Colorado and Ivins, Utah. RVU was founded in 2006 and opened its doors in August of 2008, enrolling students in its four-year program of study leading to the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) degree in the University’s College of Osteopathic Medicine (RVUCOM). The Ivins Campus matriculated its first class in 2017. RVU is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), a commission of the North Central Association. RVUCOM is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA). RVU has also added a Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences (MSBS) degree program and a Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) to its

Colorado location. Rocky Vista University provides quality healthcare education while inspiring students to serve with compassion, integrity and excellence. For more information, visit www.rvu.edu.

About Billings Clinic

Billings Clinic is Montana's largest health system, serving Montana, Wyoming and the western Dakotas. A not-for-profit organization led by a physician CEO, Billings Clinic is governed by a board of community members, nurses and physicians. At its core, Billings Clinic is a physician-led, integrated multispecialty group practice with a 304-bed hospital and Level II trauma center. Billings Clinic is the largest trauma center and the first established and longest standing ACS-COT continually accredited trauma center in the state of Montana. Billings Clinic has more than 4,200 employees, including more than 430 physicians and advanced practitioners offering more than 50 specialties. Billings Clinic is the first Magnet-designated health care organization in Montana and a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. More information can be found at www.billingsclinic.com.