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**BOCA RATON REGIONAL HOSPITAL ANNOUNCES
USE OF MINIATURE CARDIAC MONITORING DEVICE**

Smallest Implantable Cardiac Monitoring Device Available

BOCA RATON, Fla. – March 31, 2014 – Boca Raton Regional Hospital today announced that it is using the Medtronic Reveal LINQ™ Insertable Cardiac Monitoring (ICM) System, the smallest implantable cardiac monitoring device available for patients.

The Reveal LINQ ICM is approximately one-third the size of a triple-A battery, making it more than 80 percent smaller than other ICMs. Despite its size, the device is part of a robust system that allows physicians to continuously and wirelessly monitor a patient's heart for up to three years. The device also provides 20 percent more memory than its larger predecessor.

"In addition to its decreased size and increased capacity, the Reveal LINQ ICM is more simple and faster to implant," said E. Martin Kloosterman, MD, Chief of Cardiology at Boca Regional. "That gives us the opportunity to expand access to more patients needing long-term monitoring."

Through a small incision less than one centimeter in size, the ICM is placed in the upper left side of the chest and is nearly invisible to the naked eye. The device is inserted using minimally invasive technique, which provides material benefit to the patient through reduced procedure time, less blood loss and faster recovery.

The Reveal LINQ ICM is also MR-Conditional, allowing patients to undergo magnetic resonance imaging if ever needed.

Another significant advantage is that the ICM is part of a system that utilizes the MyCare Link™ Patient Monitor, which is a simplified, remote monitoring system with global cellular technology that transmits a patient's cardiac device diagnostic data to their clinicians from nearly any location in the world. Boca Regional was the first hospital in Florida to employ this technology when it was introduced in October 2013.

"This system allows us to provide truly cutting-edge capabilities in the care of patients with or at risk for cardiac arrhythmias, fainting spells or stroke of unknown origin," said Dr. Kloosterman, who has implanted more of the devices than any other electrophysiologist in Palm Beach County. "They are game-changing advances for those in need of cardiac monitoring."

About Boca Raton Regional Hospital – Advancing the boundaries of medicine.

Boca Raton Regional Hospital is an advanced, tertiary medical center (brrh.com) with 400 beds and more than 800 primary and specialty physicians on staff. The Hospital is a recognized leader in oncology, cardiovascular disease and surgery, minimally invasive surgery, orthopedics, women's health, emergency medicine and the neurosciences, all of which offer state-of-the-art diagnostic and imaging capabilities. The Hospital is a designated Comprehensive Stroke Center by the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA).

Boca Raton Regional Hospital is the recipient of the 2014 Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence™ for the tenth year in a row and was named one of America's 50 Best Hospitals in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014, both by Healthgrades®. Boca Raton Regional Hospital was also recognized for the third consecutive year in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2013-2014 Best Hospitals listing as a top-ranked hospital in the South Florida metropolitan area.

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