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SouthWest Urology opens new treatment facility

MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, Ohio - SouthWest Urology Inc., the largest urology practice in Northeast Ohio, has opened a new, state-of-the-art office and treatment facility in Middleburg Heights near the Southland Shopping Center. The 12,000 square foot facility, which consolidates SouthWest Urology's former locations in Middleburg Heights and Parma, includes treatment rooms, office space, a laboratory and radiology services, which include CT scan facilities.

A 10,000 square foot on-site surgery center is scheduled to open at the facility in October.

"The new office is a complete urological hub with all of our services in a single location," said Dr. David Turk, one of SouthWest Urology's seven urologists.

Using the latest surgical technology, SouthWest Urology's surgeons perform a variety of outpatient procedures that formerly were done only in operating rooms.

"There is no other practice with the state-of-the-art equipment that we have," said Dr. Martin Kosdrosky.

For example, the physicians of SouthWest Urology offer the most advanced laser treatments available for enlarged prostate.

"It's revolutionary," Dr. Turk said. "Laser treatment can be done without anesthesia and with minimal blood loss. The procedure can be done in less than a half an hour."

Dr. Arturo Basa said although some urological treatments require surgery, biopsies and treatments for conditions like incontinence and kidney stones also can be done in a treatment room without general anesthesia.

"The new facility offers more comfort and convenience for our patients and allows us to be more efficient and effective in our treatment," Dr. Basa said.

Along with pioneering laser treatment for urological procedures, Drs. Turk and Kosdrosky are two of only five surgeons in the area who perform procedures with Southwest General Health Center's daVinci S robotic surgical system. The unique \$1.4 million system was installed at Southwest last year. Since then, it has been used to perform more than 100 surgeries.

"The system allows us to remove a prostate with very small incisions, a minimal loss of blood and faster recovery time," Turk said. "It's robotic, but the surgeon is still doing all the work. The procedure is magnified 10 times, which allows us to see blood vessels and gives us a better look than we would get with our own eyes."

SouthWest Urology specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the urinary tract, including kidney problems, impotence, incontinence, male infertility and prostate problems. It was incorporated in 1986 after Dr. Basa merged his practice with Urology Associates, a four-year-old partnership of Dr. Michael Barkoukis and Dr. Tim Sidor. Dr. Michael Berte joined the practice in 1986 and Dr. Lawrence Gervasi joined in 1991. Dr. Turk joined the practice in 2000 followed later by Dr. Kosdrosky.

In addition to seven urologists, SouthWest Urology has a staff of 27, including registered nurses, physicians assistants, a pathologist and X-ray and CT Scan technicians.

The new facility is located at 6900 Pearl Road, Middleburg Hts., Ohio 44130. Phone: 440-845-0900. Visit SouthWest Urology at www.southwesturology.com. SouthWest Urology also operates an office at Medina General Hospital, at 970 E. Washington, Suite 5C, in Medina.

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Attachment: Profile of SouthWest Urology physicians.

Note to editor: High resolution photos are available on request by calling Ken McEntee, at 440.238-6603, or email: ken@thewriteco.com.



Exterior of the new SouthWest Urology headquarters in Middleburg Heights.



Lobby of the new SouthWest Urology offices.



SouthWest Urology features the latest in laser treatment technology.

SouthWest Urology Inc. Physician biographies

Dr. Michael Barkoukis, MD, FACS (Fellow, American College of Surgeons)

Dr. Barkoukis graduated magna cum laude from Colgate University with a bachelor of arts degree. He received his medical degree from Case Western Reserve University in 1977. Both his general surgery and urology residencies were completed at University Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Barkoukis has been practicing with SouthWest Urology since 1982. He currently serves as Chief of Urology at Southwest General Hospital, as the Surgical Representative to the Medical Executive Committee at Deaconess Hospital and as Assistant Clinical Professor at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

Dr. Barkoukis is certified by the American Board of Urology and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He holds memberships with many professional organizations including the American Urological Association, the American Association of Clinical Urologists, The American Fertility Society and the American Medical Association.

Dr. Arturo S. Basa, MD, FACS

Dr. Basa received his medical degree from Far East University in Manila, Philippines. His general surgery residency was completed at Lutheran Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio and his urology residency at Huron Road Hospital also in Cleveland.

Dr. Basa has been in private practice since 1971 and with SouthWest Urology since 1986. He is certified by the American Board of Urology and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is a member of the American Association of Philippine Physicians in Ohio, the Cleveland and Ohio branches of the Urological Society, the American Medical Association, the Academy of Medicine of Cleveland and the Society of Philippine Surgeons. Dr. Basa also serves as Assistant Clinical Professor at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

Dr. Basa makes an annual two-week medical mission to the Philippines where he performs free surgery to the poor.

Dr. Michael T. Berte, MD, FACS

Dr. Berte received his medical degree from Indiana University. He completed his residency in general surgery and in urology at University Hospitals in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Berte has been in private practice since 1985 and with SouthWest Urology since 1986. He is certified by the American Board of Urology and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is a current member of the Ohio State Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the American Urological Association, the Cleveland Academy of Medicine, the American Fertility Society and the Cleveland and Ohio branches of the Urological Society. Dr. Berte was past department chairman of Southwest General Health Center and currently serves as Assistant Clinical Professor at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

Dr. Lawrence A. Gervasi, MD, FACS

Dr. Gervasi received his medical degree from the Baylor College of Medicine where he was awarded the Agnes Arnold Award of Outstanding Research in Urology. During his surgical training, which was completed at North Shore University Hospital, he was recognized as the Outstanding Resident in General Surgery. He completed his urology training at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas.

Dr. Gervasi has been in private practice with SouthWest Urology since 1991. He is certified by the American Board of Urology and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Gervasi is President of the Cleveland Urologic Society; and Assistant Clinical Professor at Case Western Reserve University School of

Medicine. He is a member of the American Association of Clinical Urologists, the American Medical Association, the Ohio State Medical Association, The Texas Urological Association and the Academy of Medicine-Cleveland.

Dr. Tim A. Sidor, MD, FACS

Dr. Sidor received his medical degree from Case Western University. His surgical and urological training was received at University Hospitals of Cleveland in Ohio. He has been in private practice since 1982 and practicing with SouthWest Urology since 1986.

Dr. Sidor serves as Assistant Clinical Professor at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and is currently the head of the Medical Ethics Committee at Parma Community General Hospital and a member of the Investigational Review Board at the same facility. He is certified by the American Board of Urology and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is a member of the American Association of Clinical Urologists, the American Fertility Society the American Medical Association, the Society of Endolaparoscopic Surgeons, the Society for Male Reproduction and Urology and the American Institute of Ultrasound Medicine. Dr. Sidor was an honored professional of the National Directory of Who's Who in Executives and Professionals.

Dr. David S. Turk, MD, FACS

David S. Turk, M.D., completed his bachelor of arts degree in sociology at the University of Cincinnati in 1990. He graduated from the Medical College of Ohio with a degree in medicine in 1994. He served his urology residency at Case Western Reserve University.

Dr. Turk has research experience and publication credits in the field of lead poisoning. His personal interests include cycling, reading and writing, singing, and skiing. He joined SouthWest Urology, Inc., in July 2000.

Dr. Martin A. Kosdrosky, MD, FACS

Dr. Kosdrosky earned his bachelor of science degree from Kent State University, graduating magna cum laude. He completed his medical degree at The Medical College of Ohio. Dr. Kosdrosky served his residency at The Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, Penn State Geisinger Health System in Hershey, Pennsylvania. He was chief resident from 1996 to 1999. Dr. Kosdrosky is board certified by the American Board of Urology.