New Vein Treatment Center in Butte—Western Vein Care Center
Will Provide Quality Vein Care to Patients in Southwest Montana

Dillon & Butte, MT., March 04, 2020 - Barrett Hospital & HealthCare announced today it will open Western Vein Care Center. David M. Fortenberry, MD, FACS will lead Barrett Hospital & HealthCare’s new vein care center, located in Butte Montana.

Leg problems related to venous insufficiency, varicose veins, and other complications are very common, impacting many in Southwest Montana. As the population ages, more patients are in need of referral to a vascular specialist who can diagnose and manage diseases of the body’s circulatory system (arteries and veins).

Dr. Fortenberry is a board certified general surgeon whose practice in Butte will focus entirely on the evaluation and treatment of venous diseases. Prior to joining Barrett Hospital & HealthCare, Dr. Fortenberry practiced vascular surgery while on staff at Kalispell Regional Healthcare. With more than 28 years of practice experience in general and vascular surgery, Dr. Fortenberry is proficient in many techniques, including minimally invasive procedures which are associated with less pain and fewer complications for patients.

“In joining Western Vein Care Center, I will be part of a team which provides patient centered care. We will see individuals with a variety of vascular diseases, especially those with venous disorders, such as varicose veins and venous insufficiency," said Dr. Fortenberry. "Here we can spend more time working directly with patients and assessing their conditions, in order to develop individualized treatment plans. This will allow for optimal care, delivered in an efficient and convenient outpatient setting.”

“We are pleased to have a vascular specialist with Dr. Fortenberry’s experience and reputation on our team as we expand our services for patients in need of vein care into Southwest Montana,” said Ken Westman, CEO of Barrett Hospital & HealthCare. “This is our first vein center, where we can exclusively provide specialty, outpatient vein care.”

Dr. Fortenberry came to Barrett Hospital & HealthCare from Kalispell Regional Healthcare, where he had worked as a general and vascular surgeon since July 1992. Dr. Fortenberry carried out his medical studies at the Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans, then completed his general surgery internship and residency at the University of Colorado Health Science Center in Denver from 1986 until 1991. He was awarded a fellowship in vascular surgery at the Lahey Clinic Medical Center at Burlington, Massachusetts, in 1991/1992. Dr. Fortenberry will begin seeing patients in Butte on March 10, 2020. To schedule an initial consult with Dr. Fortenberry at Western Vein Care Center, please call 406-683-1188 or visit www.barretthospital.org/western-vein-care-center for more information.

ABOUT BARRETT HOSPITAL & HEALTHCARE
Barrett Hospital & HealthCare is a non-profit critical access hospital (CAH) in Dillon, Montana. Critical access hospitals make up approximately twenty-five percent of hospitals in the United States; there are 1,343 in the nation, with 50 critical access hospitals in Montana. They are, by definition, at least 35 miles from another hospital and have no more than 25 acute care beds at any given time with most hospitals being located in rural areas. Barrett Hospital & HealthCare is a four-time recipient for being a Top 20 Critical Access Hospital of the 20 highest ranked Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) in the nation by National Rural Health Association (NRHA). For more information, visit www.barretthospital.org.

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