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Title: Research Psychiatric Center Opens Renovated ECT Recovery Suite

Kansas City, MO (April 1, 2009) Research Psychiatric Center (RPC) has just completed renovations to the existing Electro Convulsive Therapy (ECT) suite that will allow for smoother and more efficient movement of outpatients as they recover from ECT treatment. RPC provides both inpatient and outpatient ECT treatments to those patients suffering from chronic, debilitating depression.

The renovations included the creation of six brand new outpatient recovery stations which allow staff to provide critical observation of patients immediately following treatment in a safe and comfortable environment. This renovation allows ECT staff and physicians to provide more direct and immediate care to outpatients recovering from treatment. ECT staff will now directly manage all outpatient admissions and discharges. This will benefit outpatients by providing for a quicker transition in and out of the facility.

“The newly modified ECT suite allows us to improve patient care by decreasing the patient’s wait time,” said Tim Ward, Nurse Manager of the service. “We’re also seeing increased patient satisfaction as a result of our ability to provide better, more efficient patient care”.

The project more than doubles the space of the existing ECT suite, providing easier access to patients requiring outpatient treatment. Renovations also include a separate entrance for outpatients, as well as adding additional equipment to monitor patient’s vital signs and provide medications.

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About Research Psychiatric Center

Centrally located at 63rd Street and Hwy 71, Research Psychiatric Center is a 100 bed facility offering a full range of mental health services including: acute inpatient treatment, outpatient ECT,

partial hospitalization services, individual outpatient counseling and Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOP). Established in 1985 to serve the greater Kansas City area, Research Psychiatric Center has treatment options available for children, adolescents, adults and senior adults. Our professional staff includes psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers and licensed professional counselors trained to care for patients with emotional or behavioral problems. Research Psychiatric Center is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and by the State of Missouri. Visit us online at www.ResearchPsychiatricCenter.com

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