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CAMAS CLINIC OPENS FIRST ALLERGY LAB IN PORTLAND/VANCOUVER

Columbia Asthma & Allergy Clinic announced today that it has opened the only onsite allergy lab facility in the greater Portland/Vancouver area at its Camas clinic to provide faster lab results and more effective diagnosis to patients suffering from asthma and allergy symptoms this spring.

Allergy sufferers can now have their test results within twenty four hours, instead of waiting a whole week to receive lab results that have to be sent to facilities in California, Utah and elsewhere. By making patients wait a day, rather than a week, the Columbia Asthma & Allergy Clinic can provide quicker diagnosis and quicker treatment.

All of that means patients can start feeling better sooner. It also means allergy tests are less expensive because they don't have to be mailed out of state. In addition to being cheaper and faster, the onsite lab facility allows for greater flexibility. Dr. Sanjeev Jain, who opened the clinic in 2005, can custom design tests for each of his patients and can test for allergens that many of the bigger labs do not.

"We are excited to launch this lab. When I founded the Clinic it was my vision to have an onsite lab facility," said Dr. Jain. "We are able to service our patients better and more affordably by having this lab."

The lab is equipped with state of the art technology such as Hytec288, a third generation instrument for allergy testing. It tests blood samples for both inhalant and food allergens to determine which can trigger an allergic response.

The lab facility has been fully certified and licensed by state and national regulatory agencies that monitor clinical laboratories. In addition to providing test results for its own patients, the lab offers services to other regional clinics and medical facilities. Free specimen pickup is included as part of the service, and all test results are guaranteed by the next business day.

About Columbia Asthma & Allergy: Columbia Asthma & Allergy Clinic was opened by Dr. Sanjeev Jain in 2005 in Camas, WA. His goal was to provide world class allergy and asthma care in the comfortable environment of a friendly community facility. Educated in allergy and immunology at Yale University, Dr. Jain first received a joint MD and PhD from the University of Wisconsin and finished his residency at the University of Texas. He then taught and practiced at the University of Washington Medical School in Seattle, where he developed a reputation as one of the finest allergists in the region. He has won numerous awards and was recently included in the Guide to America's Top Physicians.