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## Free abdominal aortic aneurysm screening

Wilmington, DE (July20, 2004) – Christiana Care's Center for Heart & Vascular Health is offering free abdominal aortic aneurysm screenings through Life Line and Medtronic at Christiana Hospital on Aug. 2. from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in room 1100. The screening, free to the first 150 people who meet the criteria when they call to register, uses ultrasound imaging technology to detect ballooning or enlargement of the abdominal portion of the aorta. To register for a screening, call 1-800-449-2350. For more information, go to <a href="http://www.lifelinescreening.com/s\_abdominal.asp">http://www.lifelinescreening.com/s\_abdominal.asp</a>

Christiana Care Health System, which traces its roots back to 1888, is one of the region's largest not-for profit health care providers, serving the people of Delaware as well as neighboring Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. A teaching hospital, Christiana Care is recognized as a regional center for excellence in cardiology, cancer and women's health services, as well as Level-I trauma care and Level-3 neonatal intensive care (both highest intensity). Christiana Care operates two hospitals, long-term and transitional care services and an extensive range of outpatient and home health services. Christiana Care, a 2004 Distinguished Hospital for Clinical Excellence, provided more than \$37 million of charity care last year.