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**PMG Research Announces the Formation of its 12th Site in Champaign-Urbana, IL**  
*PMG Research assumes research operations at Christie Clinic to create PMG Research of Christie Clinic*

**WINSTON-SALEM and CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, IL— APRIL 20, 2015** – PMG Research, Inc. (PMG) announced today the establishment of its 12<sup>th</sup> clinical research site: PMG Research of Christie Clinic. Effective May 1, 2015, PMG Research has assumed operation of the clinical research department at Christie Clinic in Champaign-Urbana, IL, expanding PMG’s footprint outside the Southeast to a second region within the United States. This new integrated site within a 150 multi-specialty physician practice enhances PMG’s access to an additional 80,000 patients. For the patients in east central Illinois, this brings an increased opportunity to participate in a wide offering of clinical research trials. For the pharmaceutical and clinical trials industry, the PMG/Christie Clinic partnership means collaboration with a greater number of physician investigators across a wider range of therapeutic areas, increased physician referrals to the PMG network, better access to patients and the same consistent quality experience across the PMG Research enterprise of geographically dispersed sites.

Jennifer Byrne, CEO of PMG Research explains, “PMG has found in Christie Clinic the same dedication to the patient experience and community health that PMG pursues. Their desire to provide a personal touch to all aspects of patient care while also focusing on providing cutting edge research opportunities to the patients they serve, aligns well with PMG Research and our core values of excellence, quality, growth with value, and the greater good. The leadership, staff, and physician dedication to clinical research and its benefit to patient, community, and medical advancement, further provide the foundation for what is to be a truly successful partnership.”

PMG Research is an integrated network of sites founded in 1979 that provides a comprehensive clinical research infrastructure to large physician practices and institutional health care providers with access to over 2.1 million patient lives and spans over 60 physician practices. The PMG team is comprised of over 180 full-time clinical research coordinators, regulatory personnel, and administrative staff. The mission of PMG Research is to bring clinical research to as many lives as possible, which in turn contributes to the advancement of public health through the development of new medicines, vaccines, and medical devices.

Established in 1929, Christie Clinic has been providing the people of east central Illinois with the highest quality health care. The Clinic is one of the largest physician-owned, multi-specialty group medical practices in Illinois, and has been conducting clinical research since 1976. Their physicians have experience



in Cardiology, Dermatology, Endocrinology, Infectious Disease, Internal Medicine, Nephrology, Neurology, Otolaryngology, Pathology, Pulmonology, and Rheumatology research.

Kenny Bilger, Christie Clinic's Chief Executive Officer said, "Christie Clinic's affiliation with PMG Research is a tremendous opportunity for our organization and ultimately our patients to partner with one of the industry's premier clinical research networks. Over the last 36 years, PMG has provided exceptional service and value to their trial partners and we look forward to their guidance and expertise in this highly specialized segment of Christie Clinic's healthcare operations."

#### **About PMG Research, Inc.**

*PMG Research, Inc. is an integrated network of clinical research facilities with hub sites located in Cary, Charlotte, Hickory, Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Salisbury, Wilmington, and Winston-Salem, NC; Charleston, SC; Bristol and Knoxville, TN; and Champaign-Urbana, IL. PMG has conducted 7,200 research studies for hundreds of pharmaceutical sponsors and CROs since 1979. We have extensive experience conducting all phases of trials across a comprehensive list of conditions. Our mission is to bring clinical research to as many lives as possible while delivering unparalleled service and exceptional value to our clinical trial partners and stakeholders. To learn more, please visit [www.pmg-research.com](http://www.pmg-research.com).*

#### **About Christie Clinic**

*Each day across east central Illinois, the Christie Clinic team can be found striving to help create a healthy community. Christie Clinic is the oldest multi-specialty medical practice in central Illinois, serving the community since 1929. Christie Clinic locations are on University Avenue, Windsor Road, and Fox Drive in Champaign; the Christie Clinic Vein and Vascular Center, Cancer Center and CU Sleep in Champaign; satellite clinics in Danville, Decatur, Mahomet, Mattoon, Monticello, Rantoul, Tuscola, and Urbana; and Convenient Care at Christie on Windsor (Champaign), Christie Clinic in Urbana, Christie in Danville on Vermilion, and Christie Clinic in Mahomet. Our team can also be found sponsoring and volunteering at community wide health and education events including the annual Christie Clinic Illinois Marathon held each spring in Champaign. For more information about Christie Clinic, please call 217.366.1200, or visit [www.christieclinic.com](http://www.christieclinic.com).*