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Avita Health System Welcomes Kimberly Scott, Certified Nurse Practitioner

GALION – August 18, 2011 – Avita Health System welcomes Kimberly Scott, CNP, to their family medicine office at 270 Portland Way South in Galion. Ms. Scott is collaborating with John Hanna, MD, and is caring for patients of all ages.

Ms. Scott attended Otterbein University, where she obtained her Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) and studied to become a Family Nurse Practitioner. She also studied at MedCentral College of Nursing where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree. Ms. Scott is certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

“I chose to become a Family Nurse Practitioner because I enjoy working with individuals of all ages and making a difference in their lives with prevention, education, and treatment,” comments Scott. “Collaborating with Dr. Hanna is wonderful because he is very supportive of the nurse practitioner role in a medical clinic and understands the positive impact we have on patients and their families.”

A Certified Nurse Practitioner (CNP) is a registered nurse (RN) who has completed advanced education (a minimum of a master's degree) and training in the diagnosis and management of both acute and chronic illnesses. CNPs provide a broad range of healthcare services and maintain close working relationships with physicians. CNPs spend quality time with patients with an effort to learn which treatment options are best for them. CNPs often serve as a patient's regular healthcare provider.

Before joining Avita Health System, Ms. Scott worked as a staff nurse at MedCentral Health System where she cared for acute cardiac patients, pediatric patients, trauma victims, and surgery patients before and after their procedure. Ms. Scott is a member of the Ohio Association of Advance Practice Nurses, the Association for Clinical Research Professionals, and the American Association of Cardiovascular Pulmonary Rehabilitation.

Ms. Scott is welcoming new patients. To schedule an appointment, call 419-468-5999. For more information about Avita Health System, visit www.avitahealth.org.

** Photo of Kimberly Scott, CNP, attached*

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