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Kelly Brillant Joins Coastal Gi

(Washington, N.C.) – Dr. Thomas Ruffolo and the staff of Coastal Gi, a division of Beaufort Regional Health System, are pleased to welcome Kelly Brillant, PA-C, MPH to their practice. She has most recently served as a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Physician Assistant studies at East Carolina University since 2004.

Ms. Brillant received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1990 from the University of Vermont and her Bachelor of Science in Physician Assistant studies from Nova Southeastern University in 1997. She received a Master of Public Health degree from NSU in 1997 as well.

Kelly brings over 10 years experience as a Physician Assistant to Coastal Gi. She has nearly 20 years of experience in healthcare having worked in variety of healthcare settings throughout her career including critical care, emergency medicine and trauma nursing.

Dr. Thomas Ruffolo along with Tracy Cox, ANP and Kelly Brillant, PA-C provide a wide range of gastroenterology services at Coastal GI. Their focus is on the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the digestive tract. Typical problems evaluated at Coastal GI include heartburn, nausea, abdominal pain, weight loss, chronic diarrhea, colitis, swallowing difficulties, gallstones, ulcers, colon polyps and cancer of the digestive tract. In addition, they perform a wide range of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures including Colon Cancer Screening, Endoscopy, Colonoscopy, ERCP and Video Capsule Endoscopy .

Coastal GI serves patients from Beaufort, Pitt, Martin and surrounding counties. New patients are being accepted. Self referrals are welcome. Coastal Gi can be reached at 252-975-1573.

Beaufort Regional Health System, is a healthcare system that includes an acute care hospital, physician practices and other healthcare delivery organizations who work together to provide a broad range of inpatient and outpatient services. Our primary mission is to provide safe, high-quality, cost-effective, personalized primary and secondary healthcare consistent with patient needs in our service area.

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