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Dear Pioneer Heart Institute Patients and Referring Physicians:

Previously, you were made aware that CHI's Nebraska Heart Hospital (NHH) made the decision to prohibit Pioneer Heart physicians from performing procedures at their location effective January 1, 2020. While Pioneer Heart physicians maintain admitting privileges and will continue to round, and care for, any Pioneer Heart patient admitted to NHH or St. Elizabeth Hospital, our physicians are prohibited from conducting routine or advanced cardiology procedures at NHH. This has not created a significant problem as Pioneer Heart has the capability of performing most all procedures at one of its clinic locations, except some of those routinely performed in the catheterization lab. For many of our patients requiring cardiac catheterizations or percutaneous coronary intervention, in the short-term, Pioneer Heart has made arrangements for these procedures to be done by our physicians at the Bellevue Medical Center and at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Additionally, Pioneer Heart has entered into an arrangement with Lincoln Surgical Hospital (LSH) to begin performing these procedures on the LSH campus in late February/early March. Work is already underway and a cath lab will be placed on the LSH campus in early February in preparation for procedures to begin later in the month. Once the final date is determined Pioneer Heart staff will be in contact with either our patients or referring physicians to have procedures scheduled.

This is an exciting time for both Lincoln Surgical Hospital and Pioneer Heart Institute as we work together to continue to expand cardiology services in the Lincoln area. Thank you all for allowing us the opportunity to continue to provide the best quality of cardiac care in Lincoln and the surrounding area.

All the best,

Thomas W. Burnell
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