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Neuropsychologist Dr. Buck Woo to Present Seminar on Alzheimer's Disease at Merrimack Valley Hospital

Oct. 2, 2009- Dr. Buck Woo, neuropsychologist and director of neuropsychology and behavioral medicine at the Memory Disorders Clinic at Merrimack Medical Center, will present a seminar on Alzheimer's disease at Merrimack Valley Hospital on Tuesday, October 13.

In this presentation entitled, *Changes in Memory: Contrasting Normal aging to Abnormal Decline*, Dr. Woo will talk about normal changes in memory associated with aging vs. dementia syndromes, and how the term dementia interfaces with Alzheimer's disease. He will discuss the biological factors of Alzheimer's disease, what science tells us about prevention, how a definitive diagnosis is made, and what the current and new treatments are, including a national clinical trial that is available now in Haverhill through ActivMed.

The presentation is from 6 to 7 pm in the hospital's first-floor auditorium. Merrimack Valley Hospital is located at 140 Lincoln Ave. in Haverhill, MA.

This program is free and open to the public, but registration is required. One free contact hour will be awarded to health care professionals at the end of the presentation. To register please call Jean MacDougall-Tattan at 978 420-1168.

About Merrimack Valley Hospital:

Merrimack Valley Hospital maintains 107 acute care beds and 17 adult behavioral medicine beds; all are private rooms. The hospital's clinical strengths include a 24-hour emergency department; orthopedic, endoscopic, general, vascular, thoracic, GYN, pediatric and urologic surgery; wound care with hyperbaric therapy; adult behavioral medicine care with a focus on geriatric issues; a comprehensive Pain Management Center; a Sleep Study Lab; gastroenterology; otolaryngology and hospitalist services. MVH also provides a wide range of outpatient services, such as bone density testing; dysphasia testing; echocardiograms; electroencephalograms (EEG);

electromyography (EMG); full-field digital mammography; magnetic resonance imaging (MRI); positron emission tomography (PET-Scan); pulmonary function testing (PFT); nuclear medicine; surgical day care; ultrasound (general & obstetrical), and physical therapy and x-rays, and 64-Slice CT scans.

The hospital's awards for excellence include the Excellence Through Insight Award, 2008 (HealthStream Research); Best in Value Hospitals, 2008 (Data Advantage); Top Ranked Community Value Provider Award, 2007 (Cleverley & Associates); National Quality Leader Award for Pneumonia Care, 2006 (CareScience Select Practice); High Reliability Cardiac Care Award, 2006 (MassPRO); and An affiliate of Essent Healthcare, Inc., the hospital serves Merrimack Valley and southern New Hampshire. More information can be found at www.merrimackvalleyhospital.com. Merrimack Valley Hospital is a licensed and certified mammography facility.