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Mary Black Health System to Host Free Educational Seminar on the Effects of Tobacco, Alcohol, and Illicit Drugs on Mothers and Infants

SPARTANBURG, SC – Mary Black Health System, (MBHS), is pleased to host a free educational seminar on the effects of Tobacco, Alcohol and Illicit Drugs on Mothers and Infants on Tuesday, October 27, 2009. Sami Elhassani, M.D., Neonatologist of MBHS Neonatal Unit and Well Baby, will be the keynote speaker for the seminar.

“In the United States, the most common and preventable cause of stillbirth, prematurity and major birth defects is the use of tobacco, alcohol and illicit drugs during pregnancy,” stated Elhassani. “Maternal education and public concern of the harmful effect of tobacco, alcohol and illicit substance use during pregnancy is and always will be the key to prevention,” Elhassani further stated.

The program is designed for physicians, nurses, healthcare providers and the community at large. Continuing education units are available for both physicians and nurses. The seminar begins at 6:00pm and will be held in Mary Black’s Conference Center located on the lower level of Medical Office Building Three on the hospital campus. Dinner will be provided. Anyone interested in attending is asked to please RSVP to Emily Corbett at 864-573-3374 or by email at Emily.corbett@maryblack.org.

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