**Join [Hospital]   
to Celebrate the Opening of Dare to C.A.R.E. on [date]**

Dear [Community Member] –

Please join the [Hospital] community for the opening of the Dare to C.A.R.E. clinic on [date] at [time] at [location], and learn more about this national vascular screening and disease management program.

**We will be joined by guest speaker(s)**   
[name and description] and [name and description].

Dare to C.A.R.E. is a new community screening program designed to identify people at risk for vascular disease. Patients do not need a referral, but must meet the following criteria:

* Over age 60
* Over age 50 with certain risk factors, such as   
  obesity, smoking and a family history of stroke
* Over age 40 with diabetes

Through the Dare to C.A.R.E program, [hospital] will offer ongoing free vascular disease screenings for local area patients.

For more information please visit [Hospital DTC Website] or call [phone number].

**Please RSVP by [date]**to [contact] at [e-mail address] or [phone number].

Sincerely,

[Hospital]

**Dare to C.A.R.E.**screens for vascular abnormalities that cause   
the following diseases:

**Carotid Artery Disease:**  
Responsible for more than half of the strokes that occur each year in the U.S.1

**Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm**  
The third leading cause of sudden death in men over 602

**Renal Artery Stenosis**  
May be entirely asymptomatic and in severe cases, can lead to kidney failure

**Extremity Artery Disease/Peripheral Arterial Disease**  
Affects one in 20 people over the age of 50 and can lead to limb loss3

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. “What Is Carotid Artery Disease?” <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/health-topics/topics/catd/> National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. Accessed September 22, 2014. Reviewed November 01, 2010.

2 Ohki T, Veith FJ. Endovascular Repair of Ruptured AAAs In Treating AAAs, endovascular repair may hold the key over open repair to lowering mortality. Endovascular Today. January 2004, 47-51.

3 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. “Facts About Peripheral Arterial Disease (P.A.D.)” National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. Accessed September 22, 2014. Reviewed August 2006