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**Providence Medical Center and Saint John Hospital Sponsor Jennifer Jo Cobb  
in NASCAR Nationwide Series at Kansas Speedway**

When Jennifer Jo Cobb drives onto the Kansas Speedway Saturday, Sept. 27 in an attempt to be first woman to qualify in a NASCAR Nationwide Series race this year, it will be with the support of her long-time sponsors, Providence Medical Center, Kansas City, Kan., and Saint John Hospital, Leavenworth, Kan.

Cobb will be driving the #78 Dodge Charger, owned by former Daytona 500 winner, Derrike Cope. This is Cobb's fourth race this year with Derrike Cope, Inc., under the direction of Rick Markle Racing. Previously, she raced in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series at the Speedway in April.

She will practice for the series Friday, Sept. 26 from 1 to 3 p.m. and will attempt to qualify Saturday, Sept. 27 at 9:30 a.m. Practice and qualifying also will be broadcast live on the Speed Channel. The race is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. and will be televised live on ESPN2.

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For this race, Providence and Saint John are serving as Cobb's major associate sponsors. They have sponsored her in every Kansas City race she has run since 2004.

"I am so grateful for Providence and Saint John's continued support. It is an honor to represent the hospitals on the race track and in our community," Cobb says. "This year I am more determined than ever to be in this race and represent Providence and Saint John well."

Cobb's relationship with the hospitals began long before her racing career—she was born at Providence and volunteered there while growing up. "I am continuously reminded of how important Providence is in our community, as I have had so many friends and family members in the hospital within the past year. As patients, they have been impressed with the facility and staff," Cobb adds. "The hospitals are undergoing so many improvements and the fact that they are reinvesting in the care they provide makes me grateful to have such a hospital system in the community where I live, work and race."

Cobb's love of auto racing was inspired by her father, Joe Cobb, who has raced since 1976 and continues to compete at the Lakeside Speedway. Cobb began her career on those same tracks in 1991. Now she has taken the family legacy to the next level by competing in the big leagues of racing, the NASCAR Nationwide, NASCAR Craftsman Truck and ARCA Re/Max Series.

When Cobb is not competing, she is a professional public speaker, addressing companies locally and across the nation at a variety of corporate events. She also is one

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of the top instructors for the Richard Petty Driving Experience, and runs her own clothing line for female motorsports fans, Driver Boutique. She also takes great pride in the growth of her hometown, Kansas City, Kansas, and the increasing support of its loyal race fans.

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*Committed to excellence and quality patient care, Providence Medical Center near Nebraska Furniture Mart, and Saint John Hospital, Leavenworth, Kan., offer an extensive array of diagnostic and treatment care. Providence's key services include cardiovascular care, neurosurgery, orthopaedics and state-of-the-art spine and joint centers. At Saint John, the hospital specializes in emergency care, women's services, senior behavioral health, home health, rehabilitation and ambulatory care, including surgery. The two facilities are affiliated with the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health System. To learn more, visit [www.providence-health.org](http://www.providence-health.org).*