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ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL ACQUIRES PREMIERE PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES

New partnership makes St. John's the largest outpatient physical therapy service in the region

SPRINGFIELD, IL – Effective April 30, Premiere Physical Therapy will be part of St. John's Hospital. The addition of St. John's Premiere Physical Therapy makes St. John's the largest outpatient physical therapy service in the region.

“Premiere’s mission to deliver excellent patient-centered service and care while achieving the best possible outcomes aligns with our mission,” said Bob Ritz, St. John’s President and CEO. “Clinical integration models of delivery, such as this partnership between St. John’s and Premiere, are the future of medicine. It means that patients can expect a seamless delivery of care from the physician clinic to the hospital to physical rehabilitation.”

Founded in 1997, Premiere Physical Therapy has four locations: two in Springfield, and one in both Chatham and one in Virden. Because of the partnership with St. John’s, future plans include a new facility for Premiere-West, as well as potentially adding services such as Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy.

“Collaboration is the name of the game when it comes to exceptional patient care,” said Tony Rubba, owner of Premiere. “The more health care facilities can work together efficiently, the better it is for our patients, physicians, and clinical staff. We looking forward to working together in the St. John’s Premiere Physical Therapy.”

For more information about physical therapy services at St. John’s Hospital, visit us at www.st-johns.org.

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