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HSHS ENHANCES SERVICES THROUGH EXPANSION

SPRINGFIELD, IL - HSHS Medical Group announces the expansion of our system's broad-based expertise with the recent integration of Sangamon Associated Anesthesiologists (SAA) providers. The new alliance strengthens the existing, high-quality surgical services currently available at St. John's Hospital.

"SAA anesthesiologists and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA) have deep roots in the region," stated Melinda Clark, President of HSHS Medical Group. "Adding such a respected team of medical professionals enables us to enhance our patient offerings."

With the upcoming 2014 opening of St. John's Hospital's innovative, state-of-the-art surgical center, the addition of the SAA team enhances St. John's Hospital's ability to provide seamless staffing for the new surgical center offering patients the highest quality care available.

"This clinical integration will improve the quality, safety and efficiency of the surgical services provided at St. John's Hospital," added Charles L. Lucore, M.D., M.B.A., Vice President Clinical Integration, St. John's Hospital. "And we are pleased to have SAA help optimize the operations of such a vital area of the hospital."

The Sangamon Associated Anesthesiologists physicians and CRNAs are trained in the study of medications and the administration of medications to assist patients with managing pain during and after surgeries and other medical procedures. SAA will continue to maintain their offices at 800 East Carpenter Street in Springfield, IL. The new practice name will be HSHS Medical Group Anesthesiology & Perioperative Services Springfield.

ABOUT THE HSHS MEDICAL GROUP

HSHS Medical Group is the physician organization of Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS). Launched in 2008, HSHS Medical Group is a critical component of the HSHS Care Integration strategy, which focuses on bringing physicians, technology and patients together to improve the overall health of our communities. Today, HSHS Medical Group is comprised of more than 250 medical professionals in 65 practices, reaching from Southern Illinois

to Western Wisconsin. HSHS Medical Group is powered by the Franciscan history of the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, and our faith-based identity led us to the two tenets of the HSHS Medical Group philosophy — patient-inspired and physician led. For more information, visit us online at www.hshsmedicalgroup.org.

ABOUT ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL

St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois is a regional medical center offering a comprehensive array of health care services to Central and Southern Illinois. Founded in 1875, St. John's is the flagship hospital of Hospital Sisters Health System and is home to the Prairie Heart Institute, St. John's Children's Hospital, St. John's Women's Services, St. John's Neurosciences Institute, St. John's Cancer Institute, Center for Living, Orthopedic Services and AthletiCare. St. John's is designated as a Level I Trauma Center on a yearly rotating basis, has its own College of Nursing and is a teaching hospital for the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. For more information about St. John's Hospital, visit www.st-johns.org

ABOUT HOSPITAL SISTERS HEALTH SYSTEM

Hospital Sisters Health System is a Roman Catholic health care mission founded to continue the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Sponsored by the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, HSHS provides state-of-the-art health care framed in traditional values taught by St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. It is dedicated to serving all people, including the poor and the needy, at each of its 13 Local Systems in Illinois (Belleville, Breese, Decatur, Effingham, Highland, Litchfield, Springfield and Streator) and in Wisconsin (Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Sheboygan and two in Green Bay). For more information about HSHS, visit www.hshs.org.