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JFK Medical Center Announces Newly Elected Medical and Dental Staff Officers and Executive Committee

April 14, 2009 (Edison) – The Medical Staff at JFK Medical Center is proud to announce newly elected officers and Executive Committee members for the 2009-2010 term. The JFK Medical Executive Committee is comprised of various clinical directors and senior medical and administrative staff who are key decision and policy makers for the entire medical staff. Their role is an integral part of JFK's success in ensuring quality patient care.

Newly elected President of the Medical and Dental Staff, Franklin Spirn, MD, ophthalmologist, hopes to instill new ideas and to recharge the medical staff through each committee member. "The committee is the decision and policy instituting body of the medical staff, with overall responsibility for the department's activities," Dr. Spirn points out. Joining Dr. Spirn as the faculty's physician leaders are Bhuder Sharma, M.D., Vice Chief of Staff; and Jasbir Sarkaria, MD, Secretary/Treasurer. "Together, the Board Officers and Committee members develop policies governing standards of care at JFK Medical Center," adds Dr. Spirn.

As the principal officer of the medical staff, Dr. Spirn presides over the medical executive committee and works in conjunction with Hospital Administration and the Board of Trustees to ensure quality patient care is provided and professional performance is upheld within the hospital. "As hospital administration faces increasing challenges, our goal is to present practical tools and leadership for ensuring quality care in today's heightened regulatory and economic environment," Dr. Spirn continues.

From patient safety to quality of care, the members – who work on a volunteer basis – aim to assure that all medical services adhere to Solaris Health System's highest standards. "We are very pleased to have such an excellent caliber of representation on our Medical Executive Committee," said committee member Scott Gebhard, Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer at JFK Medical Center.

Members of the Medical and Dental Staff Executive Committee include:

- Karpukarasi Ayyantathan, MD, Chair, Department of Pediatrics
- Ramamurthy Bangalore, MD, Chair, Department of Medicine
- Robert Bier, DPM, Member at Large
- Harold Chung-Loy, MD, Chair, Department of Surgery
- Alex Ewing, MD, Chair, Department of Pathology
- Aaron Feingold, MD, Member at Large
- Debra Goldstein, MD, Member at Large
- Rita Goradia, MD, Chairman of Family Practice
- Madhu Goyal, MD, Member at Large
- Kenneth Herman, DO, Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine
- Nossratollah Hooshangi, MD, Member at Large
- Arvind Kumar, MD, Member at Large
- Jeanne Mitterando, MD, Member at Large
- Rodulfo Nilooban, MD, Member at Large
- Joseph Notaro, MD, Member at Large
- Robert Panebianco, MD, Member at Large
- Martin I. Parker, MD, Chair, Department of Radiology
- Joel Rock, DO, Chair, Department of Anesthesia

- Mohammad Sarraf, MD, Member at Large
- Marek Skrzypczak, MD, Member at Large
- Matthew Smith, MD, Immediate Past President
- Wayne Steinbeck, MD, Chair, Department OB/GYN
- Thomas Strax, MD, Chair, Department of Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine
- Paul Tedeschi, DMD, Chair, Department of Dentistry
- William Terens, MD, Member at Large
- Robin Winter, MD, Director, Family Practice Residency Program
- John P. McGee, President, & CEO
- Scott Gebhard, Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer
- William Oser, MD, Sr. Vice President, Chief Medical Officer
- Ann Logan, Vice President, Sr. Vice President, Chief Nurse Executive

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JFK Medical Center, an affiliate of Solaris Health System, is a 535-bed full-service, acute care hospital, consisting of The Anthony M. Yelensics Community Hospital and the adjacent JFK Johnson Rehabilitative Institute. Located in the heart of Edison, NJ, it has remained at the forefront of quality care in the region since its inception in 1967. Today, JFK accommodates more than 20,000 admissions, 3,000 births and 50,000 Emergency Room visits on a yearly basis. The Medical Center features a complete array of services, including general surgery, emergency medicine, mental health, orthopedics, maternity and pediatric care. It is home to the New Jersey Neuroscience Institute, Regional Cancer Center, Haven Hospice, JFK Imaging Center and the JFK Family Practice Center. Affiliated with UMDNJ -Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and Seton Hall University School of Graduate Medical Education, JFK offers residency programs in physical and rehabilitation medicine, family practice and dentistry.