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“Get ‘Tick’ Smart about Lyme Disease” – A Listen & Learn Lecture with Jo-Anne Passalacqua, M.D.

Bridgeport, CT, April 27, 2009 – St. Vincent’s Medical Center is sponsoring a free talk open to the general public entitled “Get ‘Tick’ Smart about Lyme Disease” as a part of their 2009 Spring Listen & Learn Lecture Series. The talk will take place on Tuesday, May 5, from 6PM-7PM, at the Oronoque Country Club, 385 Oronoque Lane, Stratford.

Featured speaker, Jo-Anne Passalacqua, **M.D.**, will discuss the dangers of Lyme disease, signs and symptoms for early detection and treatment options.

Jo-Anne Passalacqua, **M.D.**, specializes and is board certified in infectious disease and internal medicine. Dr. Passalacqua graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from SUNY at Binghamton, NY, and earned her medical degree from SUNY Health Science Center at Syracuse. At the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Jersey, she completed an internship and her residency in internal medicine. She also completed a fellowship in infectious disease at the University of Maryland Medical Center. Dr. Passalacqua is the Division Chief of Infectious Diseases and Chairperson of the Infectious Disease Committee at St. Vincent’s Medical Center. She is a member of the Infectious Disease Society of America and the American College of Physicians. She currently practices medicine at Primed, LLC in Fairfield.

A question and answer session will follow the presentation, and light refreshments will be provided.

For more information or to register for this lecture, please call St. Vincent’s toll-free Care Line at **1-877-255-SVHS (7847)**.

Listen & Learn Lecture Series

“Listen & Learn” is a free series of talks for the community by physicians on health and wellness topics in an effort to help area residents stay well. Participants learn from experts in the field about medical topics and prevention strategies, and how to sort through confusing consumer health information available to consumers. Topics will cover a broad range of issues. The program, a part of St. Vincent’s mission of outreach to the community and is open to the general public. The lecture program is a collaboration between St. Vincent’s Club 50/Boomers Group and its Physician Services.

St. Vincent’s Club 50/Boomers

St. Vincent’s Club 50/Boomers is designed for people age 50 and older who are interested in maintaining and improving their health through education programs and social events. Membership is free and entitles participants to discounts on a variety of programs from health screenings to computer lessons; from fitness classes to excursions. Members receive free parking and meals at St. Vincent’s, discounts on prescription drugs at most pharmacies, and access to lectures and information on health and wellness.

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