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KATHLEEN A. SMITH, R.N., MHSA, NEA-BC JOINS SAINT FRANCIS
Director of Infection Prevention

(Hartford, Conn. April 3, 2013) – Kathleen A. Smith, R.N., MHSA, NEA-BC, of Seymour, has joined Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center as Director of Infection Prevention.

In her new position, Smith will be responsible for coordinating the Infection Prevention Program at Saint Francis. She will also be responsible for federal and state regulations concerning reportable disease and infection control. Smith will educate staff and patients about best practices related to infection control. She will serve as a member of the Hospital's Quality and Patient Safety Committee.

“Kathy brings deep and proven experience and knowledge to this position,” said Beth Grieg, Administrative Director, Quality and Organizational Effectiveness. “Throughout her career she has implemented many quality and safety programs that have achieved significant results.”

Smith was previously Director, Perioperative Surgical Regulatory Oversight, Infection Prevention, Same Day Surgery, PACU, Trauma Program and Outpatient Therapy at Saint Mary's Hospital, Waterbury, where she was employed for more than 15 years.

She had also previously served as the CEO of VNS Home Care in Rhode Island; Senior Vice President, Nursing at White Plains Hospital Center, White Plains, NY; and Director of Nursing at Nyack Hospital. Prior to that she had been associated with The Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, Torrington.

Smith completed a senior management fellowship program the Hospital Association of New York with the Northern Metropolitan Hospital Association.

Smith received her Masters in Human Service Administration from the Antioch New England Graduate School, Keene, NH. She received an associate of science degree from Northwestern Connecticut Community College and is a graduate of the Saint Francis Hospital School of Nursing.

Smith is Board Certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center as a Certified Nurse Executive-Advanced. She was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau, Inc. International Honor Society of Nursing and holds a Green Belt in Six Sigma methodology.

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