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*Will Oversee Quality and Research for Connecticut's Largest Joint Replacement Institute*

(Hartford, Conn., April 15, 2013) –Charles M. Turkelson, Ph.D., of Farmington, has been named the newly appointed Director of Health Economics and Outcomes Research for the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute at Saint Francis (CJRI).

Dr. Turkelson will oversee the CJRI Research Department, including The Total Joint Registry which has over 13,000 patient records.

Dr. Turkelson was previously Senior Research Director, Center for Medical Policy Technology, Baltimore, MD. Prior to that, he served as Director of the Department of Research and Scientific Affairs at the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS). There, he developed AAOS guideline development processes and served as the methodologist on all AAOS guidelines. He was responsible for collecting and analyzing healthcare statistics, and worked on AAOS surveys and its census.

“Dr. Turkelson is a distinguished, nationally recognized, researcher who has vast experience in Outcomes/Comparative effectiveness research, evidence based medicine, implementation of clinical practice guidelines, economic modeling and advanced statistical techniques,” said Steven Schutzer, M.D., Director and Physician Leader, CJRI.

Dr. Turkelson was a post doctoral fellow at Tulane Medical and earned his Ph.D. in experimental psychology from Tulane University, LA, and a Masters Degree in psychology from the New School for Social Research, NY.

Dr. Turkelson has directed over 200 systematic reviews and evidence reports, and is the author or co-author of over 60 peer-reviewed journal articles and three book chapters. His research, publications, and presentations have been in meta-analysis, rating the strength of medical evidence, and in peptide physiology and biochemistry.

CJRI at Saint Francis *Care* is the leader in Connecticut for joint replacement volume and has been named one of America's 100 Best Hospitals for Joint Replacement, according to a report from Healthgrades, the leading provider of online information to help consumers make an informed decision about a physician or a hospital. It was also recently recognized by *CareChex*, a division of Comparion Medical Analytics, as being ranked number one in the state for joint replacement patient safety and medical excellence.

### **About CJRI**

The Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute at Saint Francis opened in July 2007, and has completed over 130,000 hip and knee replacement surgeries. CJRI provides patients with the highest quality, most comprehensive, efficient, state-of-the-art joint replacement treatments in a compassionate and caring environment. Functioning as a "hospital within a hospital," CJRI has a Total Joint Replacement Registry that reports outcomes data for continued quality improvement initiatives and provides the platform for the *Step Ahead Plan*.

### **About Saint Francis Care**

Saint Francis *Care* is an integrated healthcare delivery system established by Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, an anchor institution in north central Connecticut since 1897. Licensed for 617 beds and 65 bassinets, it is a major teaching hospital and the largest Catholic hospital in New England. Other major entities of Saint Francis *Care* include The Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital, the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute, the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, the Saint Francis/Mount Sinai Regional Cancer Center, the Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Center for Comprehensive Multiple Sclerosis Care and Neuroscience Research, and Saint Francis Health*Care* Partners. Its services are supported by a network of five major Access Centers and eight additional medical office centers sited throughout the region. For more information, visit [www.stfranciscare.com](http://www.stfranciscare.com).