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VIJAY JAYARAMAN M.D., AMONG 1,823 INITIATED INTO AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

(HARTFORD, Conn. – Nov. 22, 2016) Vijay Jayaraman M.D., a trauma surgeon at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, was among 1,823 initiates from around the world who became Fellows of the American College of Surgeons (FACS) during the Convocation ceremony at the College's 2016 annual Clinical Congress in Washington, DC, last month. This year's class of initiates was among one of the largest ever admitted into the College.

A resident of Middletown, Dr. Jayaraman received his medical degree from Northwestern University School of Medicine, Chicago, Illinois. He completed his residency in general surgery at Christiana Care Health Services, Newark, Delaware.

Dr. Jayaraman also completed two fellowships; one in trauma care at University of Connecticut/Hartford Hospital and the other in surgical critical care at Christiana Care Health Services.

Board certified by the American Board of Surgery, Dr. Jayaraman is a member of the American College of Surgeons and a member of the Society of Critical Care Medicine.

Dr. Jayaraman's scope of practice includes emergency surgery, trauma, critical care and elective general surgery. He is also passionate about surgical education and simulation-based training. He is an instructor for the Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS), Advanced Trauma Operative Management (ATOM) and the Advanced Surgical Skills for Exposure in Trauma (ASSET) courses.

By meeting the College's stringent membership requirements, Fellows of the College have earned the distinguished right to use the designation of "FACS" (Fellow, American College of Surgeons) after their names. An applicant for Fellowship must be a graduate of an approved medical school; must have completed advanced training in one of the 14 surgical specialties recognized by the College; must possess certification by an American surgical specialty board or appropriate certification by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; and must have been in practice for at least one year at the time of his or her application. Before admission into Fellowship, the surgeon must further demonstrate ethical fitness and professional proficiency, and his or her acceptance as a Fellow of the College must be approved by three-fourths of its Board of Regents.

The Convocation ceremony was the highlight of the five-day Congress at which initiation into ACS Fellowship took place. The Congress also featured reports on research-in-progress, postgraduate courses, panel discussions, symposia, and scientific and industrial exhibits. Total estimated attendance at the Congress was 11,745, including 8,127 physicians. Allied health professionals and members of the scientific and consumer media also attended the meeting. The American College of Surgeons is a scientific and educational organization of surgeons that was founded in 1913 to raise the standards of surgical practice and to improve the quality of

care for the surgical patient. The College is dedicated to the ethical and competent practice of surgery. Its achievements have established it as an important advocate for all surgical patients. The College has more than 80,000 members and is the largest organization of surgeons in the world. For more information, visit: www.facs.org (.)

About Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center

Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has been an anchor institution in north central Connecticut since 1897. In 2015, Saint Francis became part of Trinity Health - New England, an integrated health care delivery system that is a member of Trinity Health, Livonia, MI, one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation. Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center is licensed for 617 beds and 65 bassinets, is a major teaching hospital and the largest Catholic hospital in New England. Other Saint Francis entities include the Comprehensive Women's Health Center, the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute, the Curtis D. Robinson Center for Health Equity, the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, the Smilow Cancer Hospital Yale-New Haven at Saint Francis, and Saint Francis Medical Group.