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Connecticut Hospital Association to Recognize Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center's Lisa Menillo, MD, as a 2012 Healthcare Hero

WALLINGFORD – At its 94th Annual Meeting on June 27, the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) will recognize Lisa Menillo, MD, Attending Pediatrician, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center and Director, Hartford Regional Lead Treatment Center and Health Homes Program, as a *2012 Healthcare Hero*. She was nominated for this award by her colleague Kristen Durocher.

Dr. Menillo collaborated with the Hartford Hospital Pediatric Department (now Connecticut Children's Medical Center) to develop a multi-disciplined team to help children and families with lead poisoning. She then worked with Yale-New Haven Hospital to solicit funding for the creation of two Regional Lead Treatment Centers in Connecticut – one at the Yale Children's Hospital and one in Hartford. Her initiative led to the development of the first Hartford Regional Lead Treatment Center (now called Hartford's Healthy Homes).

CHA's Healthcare Heroes award was developed in 2002 to celebrate the invaluable contributions of healthcare workers, both to their field and to the community at large. Now in its 11th year, the presentation of the Healthcare Heroes awards has become a highlight of CHA's Annual Meeting.



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About CHA

The Connecticut Hospital Association has been dedicated to serving Connecticut's hospitals since 1919. Through state and federal advocacy, CHA represents the interests of Connecticut's hospitals on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, community health, and hospital reimbursement.