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SAINT FRANCIS NAMES DIRECTOR OF RISK MANAGEMENT

Karen A. Daley, R.N., J.D., M.B.A., To Fill Position

(HARTFORD, Conn.) – Karen A. Daley, R.N., J.D., M.B.A., of Wethersfield, has been named Director of Risk Management at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center.

In her new position, she will be responsible for managing regulatory issues, claims, loss prevention and risk management educational activities.

Daley received her bachelor's degree in nursing cum laude from Boston College, a master of business administration from the Boston College Carroll School of Management and her law degree from the Boston College Law School.

She most recently served as Director of Risk Management at Bridgeport Hospital. Previously, she was an associate in the Hartford law firm of Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, and held nursing positions at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston.

A member of the international nursing honor society Sigma Theta Tau, Daley is also a member of the American Society for Healthcare Risk Management, its Connecticut Chapter and its Editorial Review Board for the *Journal of Healthcare Risk Management*. She is an affiliate of the American College of Healthcare Executives and serves on the Membership Committee of its Connecticut Chapter. She is also a member of the Connecticut Bar Association.

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SAINT FRANCIS NAMES DIRECTOR OF SURGICAL QUALITY

Scott Ellner, D.O., M.P.H., To Fill Position

(HARTFORD, Conn.) – Scott Ellner, D.O., M.P.H., of West Hartford, has been named Director of Surgical Quality at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center.

In this newly-created position, Dr. Ellner will have direct oversight of all quality databases and performance improvement programs within Saint Francis' Department of Surgery.

Dr. Ellner received his degree in osteopathic medicine from the College of Osteopathic Medicine at the Western University of Health Sciences, Pomona, Calif., and a master's degree in public health from San Diego State University.

He served as an intern, resident and executive chief resident in surgery, and a postdoctoral research fellow in surgical oncology at the University of California at San Diego. He was a fellow in advanced laparoscopic and bariatric surgery at the University of Connecticut/Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center.

Dr. Ellner is board certified in surgery and advanced trauma life support. He is a member of the American College of Physician Executives, Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, Society of Laproendoscopic Surgeons, American Osteopathic Association, Connecticut Osteopathic Medical Society, American College of Surgeons, American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, Southern California Osteopathic Medical Society, Connecticut State Medical Society, and Hartford County Medical Association.

He holds appointments as an Assistant Professor of Surgery at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and an Assistant Professor of Surgery at the College of Osteopathic Medicine at the Western University of Health Sciences. He is the author or co-author of six papers in scientific journals.

Dr. Ellner has served as Saint Francis' Surgeon Champion for the National Surgical Quality Improvement Project (NSQIP) for the past three years and is a co-founder of the Connecticut Surgical Quality Collaborative.

In addition to his new responsibilities, Dr. Ellner will continue to maintain a practice in general surgery.

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