NEW HAVEN, CT, November 11, 2008 - Yale-New Haven Hospital physicians have elected new officers for the medical staff board, the governing body for YNHH's medical staff, which is made up of about 3,400 community and university physicians practicing in 100 specialties.

Leo Cooney Jr., MD, of New Haven, has been elected president of the medical board; Lynda E. Rosenfeld, MD, of Hamden, was elected secretary; and Thomas F. Sweeney, MD, of Hamden, is the new president-elect. The three physicians will serve two-year terms as elected officers on the medical board, which sponsors about 20 committees to evaluate and improve the professional activities of the medical staff and the quality of healthcare at YNHH.

Dr. Cooney is the Humana Foundation Professor of Geriatric Medicine at Yale School of Medicine (YSM) and chief of geriatric medicine at YSM and YNHH. He is the medical director of the hospital's acute care for the elderly unit, and YNHH's geriatric services practice, as well as an attending physician at the hospital's Dorothy Adler Geriatric Assessment Center. Dr. Cooney received his B.A. from Holy Cross College in Worcester, and his M.D. from Yale School of Medicine. He completed his residency in internal medicine at Boston University Medical Center and Boston City Hospital, serving as chief resident.

Dr. Rosenfeld is an associate professor of medicine and pediatrics at Yale School of Medicine and an attending physician in cardiovascular medicine at YNHH. She is an electrophysiologist who specializes in cardiac arrhythmias, congenital heart disease, and cardiac sarcoidosis, an inflammatory disease which most commonly affects the lungs and lymph nodes, but can also affect the heart. After receiving her B.A. from Jackson College of Tufts University and M.D. from Cornell University Medical College, Dr. Rosenfeld served her residency in medicine at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center and a fellowship in cardiovascular medicine and electrophysiology at Yale.
Dr. Sweeney is a board-certified vascular surgeon with CT Vascular Center, P.C., and is an attending surgeon at Yale-New Haven Hospital and the Hospital of St. Raphael. He is the associate chief for vascular surgery at YNHH and is an assistant clinical professor at Yale School of Medicine. Dr. Sweeney received his B.A. from Holy Cross College and his M.D. from Yale School of Medicine. He completed his surgical training at Yale-New Haven Hospital and was chief resident in surgery.

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Yale-New Haven Hospital is a 944-bed, not-for-profit hospital serving as the primary teaching hospital for the Yale School of Medicine. Yale-New Haven was founded as the fourth voluntary hospital in the U.S. in 1826 and today, the hospital complex includes Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital and Yale-New Haven Psychiatric Hospital, with a combined medical staff of about 3,400 university and community physicians practicing in more than 100 specialties. Visit www.ynhh.org for additional information.