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**SAINT FRANCIS NAMES SCOTT ELLNER, D.O., MPH,
VICE CHAIRMAN SURGERY AND DIRECTOR OF SURGICAL QUALITY**

(Hartford, Conn. May 1, 2013) – Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has promoted Scott Ellner, D.O., MPH, of Avon, to Vice Chairman Surgery and Director of Surgical Quality.

In this new role, Dr. Ellner will be responsible for overseeing surgical quality improvement initiatives and working on program development in the Surgery Service Line.

Dr. Ellner joined Saint Francis in 2005 as a trauma and acute care surgeon. He is an assistant Professor of Surgery at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine.

“Dr. Ellner has brought an incredible intensity to patient safety and patient quality,” said Steven T. Ruby, M.D., FACS, Chairman Department of Surgery, Surgery Service Line Physician Leader at Saint Francis. “We are very pleased with his efforts, and are particularly excited about his regional quality initiatives through the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons.”

Dr. Ellner serves as the National Surgical Quality Improvement Project (NSQIP) Surgeon Champion, Saint Francis Hospital Department of Surgery and Surgical Quality. He is also a member of the Hospital’s Surgical Site Performance Improvement (SSPI) SCIP Core Measures Task Force; and the Peer Review and Governance Project, Member, Revision Bylaws Task Force for Performance Review, Saint Francis Hospital Governance. Dr. Ellner is a member of the Hospital minimally invasive robotics team and the Bariatric Center of Excellence.

Dr. Ellner received his D.O. from the College of Osteopathic Medicine at the Western University of Health Sciences, Pomona, CA. He received his MPH from the Division of Occupational and Environmental Health, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA.

He is board certified by the American Board of Surgery; the American College of Surgeons, Advanced Life Support; and holds National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners Certificate.

Dr. Ellner is a member of SAGES; the Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons; the American Osteopathic Association; the American College of Surgeons; the American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery; the Southern California Osteopathic Medical Society; the Connecticut State Medical Society; and the Hartford County Medical Society

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