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**SAINT FRANCIS NAMES SURENDRA P. KHERA, M.D.,  
CHIEF QUALITY OFFICER AND INTERIM CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER**

*(Hartford, Conn. May 13, 2013)* – Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has named Surendra P. Khera, M.D., of Simsbury, as Chief Quality Officer and Interim Chief Medical Director.

Dr. Khera will continue in his current role as Section Chief of Hospital Medicine and Academic Inpatient Medical Service Program (AIMS) Director at Saint Francis Hospital and at Johnson Memorial Medical Center.

In his expanded roles, Dr. Khera will oversee quality initiatives throughout the Hospital and be responsible for managing the duties of the Medical Staff Office on an interim basis.

“As a Hospitalist, Dr. Khera has worked with many of our physicians and has built relationships which will serve him well in this interim role,” said Christopher M. Dadlez, President and Chief Executive Officer. “Over the years, Dr. Khera has demonstrated outstanding leadership skills. He treats his patients and colleagues with compassion and respect, and they hold him in equally high esteem.”

Dr. Khera joined Saint Francis in 2006, and was Founder/Program Director of the AIMS Hospitalist Program and the first Section Chief of Hospital Medicine. That program has now grown to a complement of 30 Hospital Medicine specialists, plus support staff.

Dr. Khera earned his medical degree from Burdwan Medical College in India. Upon graduating from medical school, he completed his residency and served as chief resident in internal medicine at St. Vincent’s Medical Center in Bridgeport. He is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and a member of the Society of Hospital Medicine.

A member of the Society of Hospital Medicine since 2000, Dr. Khera recently finished a two-year term as President of the Connecticut Chapter, Society of Hospital Medicine. He was a recipient of the *Thomas R. Preston, M.D. Teaching Award for Excellence in Teaching* from the University of Connecticut Internal Medicine Residency Program in 2006 and 2007.

Dr. Khera completed an Executive Fellowship Program in Patient Safety from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2007. He is currently enrolled in a Master's Program in Healthcare Quality and Patient Safety at the Jefferson School of Population Health in Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Khera is a member of the Society of Hospital Medicine National Subcommittee on Quality Improvement.

The Saint Francis *Care* Administration and Education Council honored Dr. Khera with the first of its *Faculty Fellow Awards* earlier this year, recognizing his contributions to medical teaching at the Hospital.

### **About Saint Francis Care**

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