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**DENISE M. PETERSON, R.N., MSHCA, NEA-BC, FACHE NAMED  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SURGICAL SERVICES**

*(Hartford, Conn. – February 17, 2014)* – Denise M. Peterson, R.N., MSHCA, NEA-BC, FACHE, of Middlebury, has been named the interim Executive Director of Surgical Services at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center.

Peterson, a healthcare executive with 32 years of experience, comes to her new role at Saint Francis from her prior position at The Hospital of Central Connecticut (HOCC), New Britain, as Vice President of Patient Care Services/Chief Nursing Officer.

While at HOCC, Peterson also served as the executive lead for the strategic business plan, in the design and construction of a 100,000 square-foot cancer center and medical office building. She previously held the role as Director of the Oncology Service Line, Pediatrics, and Stroke Center of Excellence at HOCC.

Peterson earned her nursing degree from the Saint Francis School of Nursing and her bachelor of science in nursing from the University of Hartford. Peterson also received her master of science in healthcare administration from Rensselaer, Hartford.

Peterson is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE). She is also certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (NEA-BC) and is certified as a Green Belt in Lean Six Sigma.

**About Saint Francis Care**

Saint Francis *Care* is an integrated healthcare delivery system established by Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, an anchor institution in north central Connecticut since 1897. Licensed for 617 beds and 65 bassinets, it is a major teaching hospital and the largest Catholic hospital in New England. Other major entities of Saint Francis *Care* include The Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital, the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute, the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, the Saint Francis/Mount Sinai Regional Cancer Center, the Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Center for Comprehensive Multiple Sclerosis Care and Neuroscience Research, and Saint Francis Health*Care* Partners. Johnson Memorial Medical Center, parent organization of Johnson Memorial Hospital, Evergreen Health Care Center, and Home and Community Health Services is also a Saint Francis *Care*

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