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**SAINT FRANCIS CARE NAMES KIMBERLEY BEEKMANN  
DIRECTOR OF PATIENT EXPERIENCE**

(Hartford, CT, February 12 2014) – Saint Francis *Care* has named Kimberley P. Beekmann, a resident of Southwick, MA, as Director of Patient Experience. This key leadership role is based in the *Innovation + Learning Center at Saint Francis*.

In this new role, Beekmann will be responsible for catalyzing and coordinating system-wide initiatives designed to measure and enhance the patient experience. She will organize, manage, and communicate organizational goals and initiatives, and will focus on eliciting patient and community perspectives to guide improvement efforts.

Prior to her appointment as Director of Patient Experience, Beekmann was the Executive Director at the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute at Saint Francis (CJRI) – a position she held for the past six years.

Beekmann joined Saint Francis in 2007 as Nurse Manager, Inpatient Unit at CJRI after 18 years as a nurse on an inpatient orthopedic/neurosurgery unit; orthopedic/trauma unit; orthopedic/oral maxillofacial unit; and an orthopedic joint replacement center.

Beekmann was the recipient of the Nightingale Excellence in Nursing Award in 2004 and 2007 prior to joining Saint Francis. She serves a Co-Chair of the Fall Prevention Committee and Chair of the Nightingale Awards for Excellence in Nursing committee at Saint Francis. She is past Co-Chair of the Saint Francis Nursing Shared Governance Professional Development Council.

**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 HealthCare 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* Partner. Saint Francis *Care's* services are supported by a network of seven major Access Centers and eight additional medical office centers sited throughout the region. For more information, visit [www.stfranciscare.com](http://www.stfranciscare.com).