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**CHA to Recognize Western Connecticut Health Network's Patrick Broderick, MD,  
as a Healthcare Hero**

WALLINGFORD – At its 99th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) will recognize Patrick Broderick, MD, FACEP, Chairman, Department of Emergency Medicine, Western Connecticut Health Network and Diplomate ABEM/ABIM, Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Vermont, as a 2017 Healthcare Hero. He was nominated for this award by Andrea Rynn.

Dr. Broderick is a “Yes” man. While some don’t appreciate that moniker, in this case it is simply meant to reflect his selfless approach to medicine and life. Pat, as he is fondly called, rarely, if ever, says no when someone needs his help, and he is devoted to the notion of caring for others and easing their suffering in any way he can.

On any given day, you might find Dr. Broderick guiding EMS response as the regional Medical Director for Western Connecticut Health Network, working with local partners to enhance community preparedness programs, or training the next generation of physicians, physician assistants, nurses, and medical assistants. As the day progresses, Dr. Broderick moves seamlessly to cover a shift in a very busy Level 2 Trauma Center. He does all of this with a warm smile, deep compassion, a funny joke, and a spirited high-five for a colleague’s job-well-done. He is an exceptional leader of a devoted team, and is especially committed when under pressure in the ED, bringing his razor-sharp attention to everything he does.

Dr. Broderick is also devoted to serving the needs of the poor. He is the volunteer Medical Director for the Danbury AmeriCares Free Clinic, where he takes a shift each month to serve the unmet needs of uninsured patients. He traveled on his own time with AmeriCares to provide medical services to the communities affected by Hurricane Katrina, and is a volunteer board member for the Samaritan Pediatric Health Center, a local faith-based clinic in Danbury. He also serves as a Co-Chairman of the Greater Danbury Community Care Team.

Dr. Broderick is a man of great faith, too. In addition to helping promote the annual Roman Catholic White Mass for area clinical professionals, he uses his vacation time to travel to the sacred Marian shrine in Lourdes, France each year to accompany people who are gravely ill and disabled. And, in his spare time, Dr. Broderick mentors others by teaching Advanced Trauma Life Support to WCHN physicians, physician assistants, and community practitioners.

CHA's Healthcare Heroes award was developed in 2002 to celebrate the invaluable contributions of healthcare workers, both to their field and to the community at large. Now in its 16th year, the presentation of the Healthcare Heroes awards has become a highlight of CHA's Annual Meeting.

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The Connecticut Hospital Association has been dedicated to serving Connecticut's hospitals since 1919. Through state and federal advocacy, CHA represents the interests of Connecticut's hospitals on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, public health, and hospital reimbursement.

