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CHA to Recognize Saint Mary's Hospital's Philip Corvo, MD, as a Healthcare Hero

WALLINGFORD – At its 99th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) will recognize Philip Corvo, MD, MA, FACS, Chairman of the Stanley J. Dudrick Department of Surgery, Saint Mary's Hospital, as a 2017 Healthcare Hero. He was nominated for this award by Jennifer Clement.

At a time when the opioid crisis continues to make headlines, Philip has been working to promote Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS), a new type of surgery to help patients avoid addiction to prescription painkillers. Philip not only pioneered these innovative techniques at Saint Mary's, he is working with other hospitals to adopt these opioid-sparing procedures so more patients can have gallbladder surgery or a hysterectomy and leave the hospital without a prescription for opioid medication.

The technique he promotes allows patients to return home quickly, with a reduced risk of infection and blood clots, and fewer side effects. As for prescription pain medication, they frequently don't need a single pill.

As President and Co-Founder of the Connecticut Surgical Quality Collaborative, Philip has worked with hospitals across the state and spoken about ERAS nationally. In October, he was honored with the 2016 Connecticut Medicine Healthcare Leader and Innovator Award for his outstanding leadership and commitment to surgical quality initiatives.

Philip has served as Chairman, Department of Surgery, and Director of Surgical Critical Care at Saint Mary's Hospital since 2013. He is a proctor for Intuitive, the maker of the da Vinci surgical robot, and was the first surgeon in New England to perform a single-incision robotic cholecystectomy. He is a Governor-at-Large for the American College of Surgeons and a Past President of the Connecticut chapter, as well as the National Surgical Quality Improvement Program Surgeon Champion at Saint Mary's.

In addition to his leadership in surgery, commitment to safety, and dedication to quality, Philip continuously reaches out to young people, especially those who show a potential interest in medical careers, with a goal of inspiring them to become part of the healing profession.

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.

