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For Immediate Release

### **St. Vincent's President Speaks on "How the Affordable Care Act Will Affect Patients"**

BRIDGEPORT, CT, September 3, 2013--St. Vincent's Medical Center's Listen and Learn lecture series continues on Thursday, September 19th at 5:30pm with a free talk entitled, "How the Affordable Care Act Will Affect Patients" presented by Stuart Marcus, MD, FACS, president, St. Vincent's Medical Center. The free lecture, sponsored by St. Vincent's Club 50/Boomers, will take place at Cinzano's Restaurant on Black Rock Turnpike in Fairfield. Light refreshments will be available.

Dr. Marcus will discuss the Affordable Care Act, commonly referred to as "ObamaCare," which was passed into law on March 23, 2010. Dr. Marcus recognizes that the rapid pace of change in healthcare is unrelenting and the complexities are confusing to all. In his lecture, he will clarify many misconceptions that exist regarding the tangled rules, regulations and policies of the Affordable Care Act.

Dr. Marcus will explain the intention of the Act which is to make healthcare more efficient, effective and accessible for all. He will also discuss what the public should expect to see as traditional fee-for-service care for acute illnesses transforms over time into fee-for-value care where provider re-imburement models become based on quality of care and patient outcomes rather than just doing more treatments.

#### **Stuart Marcus, MD, FACS**

As president, Dr. Marcus is responsible for implementing the strategic direction for St. Vincent's Medical Center. He also serves as chief academic officer and professor of surgery for the Frank H. Netter, MD, School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University. He was instrumental in establishing St. Vincent's as the principal clinical partner for the medical school. A specialist in gastrointestinal cancer surgery, Dr. Marcus has been at St. Vincent's since 2006 and led the development of the Elizabeth M. Pfriem SWIM Center for Cancer Care at St. Vincent's, which opened in 2010 and brings together all the components of cancer care under one roof.

A Diplomat of the American Board of Surgery, Dr. Marcus is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society and Alpha Omega Medical Honor Society. He holds a B.A. degree from Rutgers University and in 1987 earned his medical degree from Duke University School of Medicine. He completed his internship and surgical residency at NYU School of Medicine. He also completed a three-year surgical oncology research fellowship at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland.

Dr. Marcus holds many professional memberships and has been involved in medical education as well as medical research throughout his career. He has published extensively in his field, and is a speaker and presenter at conferences across the country in both clinical medicine and healthcare policy.

**Listen and Learn** is presented by St. Vincent's Club 50 and Physician Services. The lecture on September 19th at 5:30pm, is free of charge. Registration is required and attendance is limited. For more information or to register for this lecture, please call St. Vincent's toll-free Care Line at **1-877-255-SVHS (7847)** or register online at [www.stvincents.org/listenandlearn](http://www.stvincents.org/listenandlearn).

**Listen & Learn Lecture Series**

*"Listen & Learn" is a free series of talks for the community by physicians on health and wellness topics in an effort to help area residents stay well. Participants learn from experts in the field about medical topics and prevention strategies, and how to sort through confusing consumer health information available to consumers. Topics will cover a broad range of issues. The program is a part of St. Vincent's mission of outreach to the community and is open to the general public. The lecture program is a collaboration between St. Vincent's Club 50/Boomers Group and its Physician Services.*

**St. Vincent's Club 50/Boomers**

*St. Vincent's Club 50/Boomers is designed for people age 50 and older who are interested in maintaining and improving their health through education programs and social events. Membership is free and entitles participants to discounts on a variety of programs from health screenings to excursions. Members receive free parking and meals at St. Vincent's, discounts on prescription drugs at most pharmacies, and access to lectures and information on health and wellness.*

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