



Spokane Hospitals Engage Sound Inpatient Physicians™ as Hospitalists in Spokane Deaconess Medical Center and Valley Hospital Enhance Community Healthcare

March 5, 2009 (Tacoma, Wash.) - PR Newswire - Sound Inpatient Physicians™ (Sound), a leading national hospitalist company, announced two new contracts in Spokane, Wash., with Deaconess Medical Center and Valley Hospital and Medical Center. Sound initiated service to both hospitals at the end of 2008. Five existing hospitalists, already serving the hospitals, were incorporated into the Sound program. Within two months of implementing the program, Sound now has a 14-physician model and two dedicated clinical coordinators serving the patients, hospitals and greater medical community under the leadership of Scot Smith, MD, Chief Medical Officer for Sound Inpatient Physicians.

"We are delighted to bring our proven infrastructure and delivery model to the patients, community of physicians and hospitals in Spokane," said Dr. Robert Bessler, President & CEO of Sound Inpatient Physicians. "We look forward to continuing the great care that has been provided by the physicians to-date and further improving the quality, utilization and satisfaction of care to all of those we serve."

Sound has integrated its proprietary workflow management technology and processes to both hospitals, providing objective measurements that effectively address complex quality and economic issues facing hospitals today.

"We are excited to be working with Sound in the Spokane community," said Dr. Bob Hartman, Chief Medical Officer for both hospitals. "They are known for their quality and service, and we look forward to adding their expertise and patient-centered care to the services at Deaconess Medical Center and Valley Hospital."

About Sound Inpatient Physicians

Sound Inpatient Physicians, a leading national hospitalist company, provides the highest standard of compassionate, skillful medical care to hospitalized patients while developing and implementing innovative solutions to the clinical, administrative and fiscal challenges facing our nation's healthcare delivery system.

About Deaconess Medical Center

Deaconess Medical Center is an acute care hospital located in downtown Spokane, Washington. Fully accredited by The Joint Commission, Deaconess is a level II trauma center with 388-licensed beds.

About Valley Hospital and Medical Center

Valley Hospital and Medical Center is an acute care hospital located in Spokane Valley, Washington. Fully accredited by The Joint Commission, Valley is a level III trauma center with 123-licensed beds.

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