



## **Trinity Health Selects Sound Inpatient Physicians® for Hospitalist Program**

### **A New Partnership at Mercy Grayling Hospital**

May 27, 2009 (TACOMA, Wash. - GRAYLING, Mich.) - Business Wire - Sound Inpatient Physicians, Inc., a leading hospitalist company, is partnering with Trinity Health and Mercy Grayling Hospital in Grayling, Michigan, to create new hospitalist program.

"Sound Inpatient Physicians is excited to partner with Trinity Health and Mercy Grayling Hospital to drive a new level of performance in health care delivery," notes Robert Bessler, M.D., president and CEO of Sound Inpatient Physicians. "Through Sound Inpatient Physicians' investment in people, processes and technology, our hospital partners leverage expertise that drives improvements in quality, utilization and satisfaction."

Sound Inpatient Physicians is a physician-led hospitalist organization, passionate about improving quality and lowering the cost of health care. The physician partnership model creates a rewarding practice environment and sustainable career for physicians. A team of more than 80 professionals, comprised of a regional team in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and centralized operational teams in Tacoma, Washington, are dedicated to serving patients, hospitals, and the medical community.

The system wide agreement with Trinity Health enables Sound Inpatient Physicians to support this integrated network of 44 hospitals with a common focus on delivering high-quality, innovative care. Trinity Health brings together more than 50,000 staff and including more than 10,000 physicians. Mercy Grayling Hospital cares for nearly 4,000 hospitalized patients annually. Mercy Grayling Hospital serves a seven-county area in north central Michigan including Crawford, Roscommon, Oscoda, Otsego, Kalkaska, Montmorency and Ogemaw counties.

"Mercy Grayling Hospital is committed to being the region's premier provider of healthcare services," said Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, CEO of Mercy Grayling Hospital. "Sound Inpatient Physicians' comprehensive model for hospitalist medicine will enhance our team's effort to serve the community and help us create the hospital of tomorrow."

Hospital medicine is the fastest growing medical specialty in America with over 20,000 hospitalist physicians practicing today. Sound Inpatient Physicians' hospitalists are part of a nationwide team managing over 1 million patient visits annually.

### **About Trinity Health**

Trinity Health, headquartered in Novi, Michigan, is the nation's fourth-largest Catholic health care system with 44 acute-care hospitals, 379 outpatient facilities, 26 long-term care facilities, and numerous home health offices and hospice programs based in seven states. Employing 44,500 full-time staff, reported \$6.3 billion in unrestricted revenue and \$376 million in community benefits in fiscal year 2008. For more information about Trinity Health, visit [www.trinity-health.org](http://www.trinity-health.org).

### **About Mercy Grayling Hospital**

Mercy Grayling Hospital is an acute-care hospital serving north central Michigan. The hospital is part of the Trinity Healthcare network established in 1831. Trinity Health is the largest Catholic healthcare system in the U.S. operating 44 hospitals. Mercy Grayling serves a seven-county area of Michigan.

### **About Sound Inpatient Physicians**

Sound Inpatient Physicians, Inc., a nationwide leading hospitalist company, is improving the quality, clinical outcomes, safety and efficiency of health care delivery cost-effectively. Hospitalists coordinate a patient's hospitalization course with specialist physicians, nurses and hospital case managers, as well as the community of primary care physicians. Through a combination of people, proprietary processes and technologies Sound Inpatient Physicians uniquely addresses clinical, administrative and fiscal challenges facing our nation's health care delivery system in acute-care and skilled nursing facilities. To learn more, visit: [www.soundphysicians.com](http://www.soundphysicians.com)



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