



**Sound Physicians Selected by Memorial Hermann Healthcare System
to Provide Hospitalist Services**

Three New Comprehensive Hospitalist Programs at Houston Area Hospitals

December 10, 2009 (Tacoma, Wash.—Houston, Texas)—Business Wire—Memorial Hermann Healthcare System recently launched three new hospitalist programs in partnership with Sound Physicians, a leading hospitalist organization. Memorial Hermann Health System, recent recipient of NQF's National Quality Healthcare Award, selected Sound Physicians based on a proven track record to drive improvements in quality and financial outcomes through a focus on clinical process excellence. Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center, an academic medical center, in conjunction with the Dean of the School of Medicine Giuseppe Colasurdo M.D., has entrusted its academic hospitalist program to Sound Physicians. Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Hospital and Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital integrated their employed physicians into the Sound Physicians organization to further develop the hospitalist services in the greater Houston community. Today, these Memorial Hermann hospitals are positioned to tackle the quality and fiscal challenges ahead with a comprehensive hospital medicine solution.

Sound Physicians is a physician-founded and led hospitalist organization committed to driving improvements in quality, efficiency and satisfaction for inpatient hospital care. Sound Physicians is defining hospital medicine through its deep investments in its outstanding people, clinical process excellence and proprietary web-based technology.

"Sound's hospitalist model is designed to implement clinical processes to drive measurable improvements in outcomes. We are aligned with our hospital partners to deliver consistent and tangible results while ensuring that compassionate care is provided to each patient we serve," notes Robert A. Bessler, M.D., president and chief executive officer of Sound Physicians.

Jeffrey Katz, M.D., Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center's Chief Medical Officer, remarks, "Both the teaching and non-teaching services at the Texas Medical Center will benefit by working with Sound Physicians to bring innovation in care delivery. They will bring leading-edge hospital medicine care to our patients and to the residents during their training."

"The expansion of hospitalists was designed to support our physician partners at Memorial Hermann – Texas Medical Center, and I think it's a natural complement to our work in driving sustained improvements in customer service and operational efficiency. More importantly, I strongly believe it will support the safest care and highest quality outcomes for our patients," said Juanita Romans, chief executive officer of the Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center Campus. "It's been wonderful to work with both Sound Physicians and our long-standing partners at The University of Texas Medical School at Houston to create this model."

Hospitalists are the fastest growing medical specialty in America today. Sound Physicians serves over 40 acute-care hospitals and more than 60 post-acute care and long-term acute-care facilities nationwide. The Sound Physicians' organization in Texas includes Gregory R. Johnson, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, Matthew Harbison, M.D., Medical Director and Richard Thrailkill,



Regional Vice President of Operations. In 2010, Sound Physicians anticipates the dedicated hospitalist physicians group in the greater Houston area to expand substantially.

About Memorial Hermann

Memorial Hermann, a not-for-profit health care system, provides quality comprehensive programs and services for a person's whole life. Through its 11 hospitals located in the Texas Medical Center and the greater Houston area, Memorial Hermann offers the convenience of health care in neighborhoods where people live and work, as well as easy access to the resources and technology of a university-affiliated teaching hospital. Memorial Hermann takes a holistic approach to health care, offering programs and services that address the physical, social, psychological and spiritual aspects of wellbeing. Employees, volunteers and medical staff partners take pride in delivering care with compassion and respect.

About Sound Physicians

Sound Physicians, a leading hospitalist organization, is improving the quality, efficiency and satisfaction of healthcare delivery through clinical process excellence. By integrating outstanding people, proven clinical processes and proprietary technologies, Sound Physicians uniquely addresses the clinical, administrative and fiscal challenges facing our nation's acute care and post acute care delivery systems. To learn more, visit: www.soundphysicians.com

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