



## **Sound Physicians Names Edward Murphy, M.D., Board Chairman**

Carilion Clinic President and CEO to Join Sound Physicians July 1

**Tacoma, WA – March 23, 2011** – [Sound Physicians](#), a leading hospitalist organization focused on driving improvements in quality, satisfaction and efficiency of inpatient healthcare delivery, has named Edward Murphy, M.D. to be the next chairman of Sound Physicians' board, effective July 1.

Dr. Murphy currently serves as President and CEO of Carilion Clinic, a not-for-profit health care organization serving nearly one million people in Virginia through hospitals, outpatient specialty centers and primary care practices.

“Dr. Murphy is one of a handful of people at the forefront of the national transition in health care,” said Robert Bessler, M.D., Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Sound Physicians. “His experience and insight will help Sound Physicians deepen its focus on delivering innovative strategies that serve the needs of our partner hospitals today and well into the future.”

Dr. Murphy joined Carilion Clinic in 1998 as Chief Operating Officer, becoming President and CEO in 2001. He led the not-for-profit healthcare organization's 2006 transition from a hospital-based system to a multi-specialty practice including more than 600 physicians, eight hospitals, a large array of tertiary referral services and a multi-state, outreach laboratory service. In 2007 he began work on a medical school in partnership with Virginia Tech. The Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine opened in 2010 with a charter class of 42 students. In 2009, Dr. Murphy was among 30 U.S. health-care executives that Healthcare Magazine said “excel on the leadership side of health care in an extraordinary manner.” During Murphy's tenure, the 11,000 employee organization saw its annual net operating revenues reach \$1.2 billion. Prior to his affiliation with Carilion Clinic, he served as President and CEO of Seton Health System in Upstate New York.

The addition of Dr. Murphy to Sound Physicians' board adds leadership acumen, significant industry background and his experience as a chief executive officer of a large healthcare system. His track record of execution and driving performance will help Sound Physicians develop ways to further innovate and enhance the delivery of evidence-based healthcare services currently provided by more than 500 hospitalist physicians in 14 states.

Murphy announced his transition from Carilion Clinic earlier today, shepherding new leadership at the Virginia healthcare organization. He will step down from his role at Carilion Clinic as of June 30.

“The decision to leave Carilion was difficult, but the time is right”, Dr. Murphy says. “At Carilion, the organization is in good position to move forward with excellent, stable leadership. This opportunity with Sound Physicians will allow me to work on hospital/physician integration and improve outcomes that matter to health systems and patients alike in a distributed healthcare model.”

Dr. Murphy will succeed Kristen Bratberg, who will continue as a member of Sound Physicians’ board.

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### **About Sound Physicians**

Sound Physicians is a leading hospitalist organization focused on driving improvements in quality, satisfaction and efficiency of inpatient health care delivery. By investing deeply in outstanding physicians, implementing clinical process excellence and developing proprietary workflow and informatics technology, Sound Physicians is defining hospital medicine. Sound Physicians seamlessly partners with healthcare providers to measurably enhance patient outcomes and strengthen the hospital’s financial performance. To learn more visit:

[www.soundphysicians.com](http://www.soundphysicians.com).

### **About Carilion Clinic**

Carilion Clinic is a not-for-profit health care organization serving nearly one million people in Virginia through hospitals, outpatient specialty centers and primary care practices. Led by multi-specialty physician teams with a shared philosophy that puts the patient first, Carilion is committed to improving outcomes for every patient while advancing the quality of care through medical education and research. For more information visit:

[www.carilionclinic.org/about](http://www.carilionclinic.org/about).

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