



Sound Physicians, Kenwood Hospitalists Combine Forces

Expanded Organization Focuses on Improving Quality, Reducing Cost of Healthcare

Tacoma, WA & Cincinnati, OH – July 19, 2011 – [Sound Physicians](#), a leading hospitalist organization focused on driving improvements in quality, satisfaction and efficiency of inpatient healthcare delivery, today announced a merger that expands its hospitalist practices in Ohio to include Kenwood Hospitalists. The new, expanded organization brings together the strengths of each organization in the continued service and focus on exceptional patient care at Mercy Health Partners' facilities, including hospitals and post-acute facilities in the greater Cincinnati area. With the merger of the Cincinnati hospitalist group, 26 full-time Kenwood Hospitalists' team members are joining the Sound Physicians organization.

"Kenwood Hospitalists has been a strong part of the healthcare community in Cincinnati," said Robert Bessler M.D., chief executive officer and founder of Sound Physicians. "Working with Kenwood's exceptional team we'll be able to expand their current efforts to deliver performance results in quality, patient satisfaction and financial performance – on day one. We continue to execute on our inorganic growth strategy. The Kenwood Hospitalists merger is the latest example of a high-quality practice joining with Sound Physicians to help improve performance in inpatient care. We are very excited to be in the Cincinnati market."

"Sound Physicians' leadership in driving innovation and improvements in the delivery of inpatient medicine will further improve our ability to deliver exceptional patient care," said Kenwood Hospitalists' Scott Nix, M.D., who will serve as chief medical officer in the greater Cincinnati area. "Our team is excited to join such a strong physician founded and led organization."

Hospitalists serving Mercy Health Partners will utilize Sound Physicians' robust performance management engine and clinical process excellence solutions to drive improvements to inpatient care. The teams will also have the benefit of Sound Physicians' strong resources and expertise in hospital medicine management, including areas such as informatics, billing, compliance and human resources.

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, clinical process excellence and its 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:

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