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Saint Peter's Appoints Interim CEO

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. – Following is a statement by Vincent J. Dicks, Chairman of the Saint Peter's Healthcare System Board of Governors, regarding the appointment of an interim CEO:

"Leslie Hirsch has accepted the title of Interim CEO and President of the Healthcare System, succeeding Ronald C. Rak, JD, as CEO. On behalf of the Board of Governors and the Bishop of Metuchen, I want to thank Ron for his service to Saint Peters, the Catholic mission, and his role in creating our system. Ron has asked that I share his appreciation of the dedicated staff who worked with him these past nine years."

"We wish Ron the best of luck in his future and please join me and the Board in supporting Les as he takes on this additional responsibility.

"Les will be coordinating additional communications to the employees and the community in the next several days."

About Saint Peter's Healthcare System

Saint Peter's Healthcare System Inc., parent company of the Saint Peter's healthcare delivery system, is comprised of Saint Peter's University Hospital, a 478-bed acute-care teaching hospital; Saint Peter's Foundation, the fundraising arm of the hospital; and Saint Peter's Health and Management Services Corp., which oversees the system's outpatient facilities. These include the CARES Surgicenter; New Brunswick Cardiac Cath Lab; Community Care Services Inc., and Saint Peter's Adult Day Center in Monroe. Saint Peter's Healthcare System is sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Metuchen. For more information about Saint Peter's Healthcare System, please visit http://www.saintpetershcs.com or call 732-745-8600.