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Presence Health Announces New President of Presence Saint Joseph Medical Center-Joliet

2/27/17 (Chicago, Ill.) – Presence Health, the largest Catholic health care system in Illinois, today announced the appointment of Robert J. Erickson as Presence Saint Joseph Medical Center – Joliet President.

Erickson brings more than 25 years of healthcare leadership experience demonstrating continuous growth, achievement and contribution in the management of complex, integrated systems of care in competitive markets. Most recently, he served as the Chief Executive Officer at St. Joseph Medical Center, in Kansas City, Missouri. He joined the hospital at the time of acquisition by Prime Healthcare Services from Ascension Health and was instrumental in assuring a smooth transition to a new owner/operator and a rapid and effective financial and operational turnaround while developing a culture of high reliability for clinical quality and patient safety.

Previous to this, Erickson served SCL Health as the President and Chief Executive Officer at St. Francis Health, in Topeka, Kansas. While he was at St. Francis Health, the ministry had significant achievements, including top 1 percent performance in core measures; top performance nationally on the reduction of hospital-acquired conditions; increased patient experience scores from lowest quartile to top decile; implementation of the first accountable care organization in Kansas; strong physician alignment throughout northeast Kansas and increased associate engagement, satisfaction and retention.

Erickson earned his bachelor's degree in speech pathology and audiology from Marquette University and a master's degree in speech and hearing science from Arizona State University. In 2010, Marquette University College of Health Sciences honored him as their *Distinguished Alumnus of the Year*.

Regarding departing Presence Saint Joseph Medical Center Interim President and CEO Lowell Johnson, Presence Health Chief Operations and Academic Officer Ann Errichetti, M.D. commented, "We appreciate his service to Presence Health and wish him all the best in his future endeavors."

Erickson will officially assume his position on Monday, March 13, 2017.

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About Presence Saint Joseph Medical Center

Presence Saint Joseph Medical Center is a regional referral center recognized for overall Clinical Excellence. In December 2016, after meeting rigorous standards for nursing excellence, the American Nurses Credentialing Center designated the medical center with Magnate recognition. The medical center serves Will and surrounding counties, including the southwest Chicago suburbs, offering private patient rooms and world-class health care. Designated as

a Primary Stroke Center, Presence Saint Joseph Medical Center's Neuroscience Institute also provides 24/7 neurosurgeons, neurologists and neurointerventionalists. Presence Saint Joseph Medical Center has also been recognized nationally for advanced cardiac care including a world-class open heart program, family-centered obstetrics, and a Level II Trauma Center.

About Presence Health

Presence Health is the largest Catholic health system in Illinois, serving over 4 million people in 11 counties. With over 150 sites of compassionate care including 12 hospitals, over 17,000 associates and more than 4,000 medical professionals, Presence Health has annual revenue of \$2.6 billion.