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Longtime Area Geriatrician Dr. Michael Wolff Named Chief Physician for Continuing Care, St. Peter's Health Partners

TROY, N.Y. – St. Peter's Health Partners (SPHP), the region's largest health system, has announced the appointment of **Michael L. Wolff, MD, FACP**, as chief physician for its Continuing Care Division.

A board-certified geriatrician, Dr. Wolff has more than 37 years of experience in medicine. He has been working with The Eddy, the long-term care arm of SPHP, since the 1980s, beginning as medical director for its Residential Services Division, Eddy-Ford Nursing Home in Cohoes, and Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Center in Albany. Through the years, he would go on to expand his role in several capacities, managing the care at numerous other Eddy affiliates, including Eddy Cohoes Rehabilitation Center, Eddy Village Green in Cohoes, Eddy Heritage House Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Troy, and Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital in Schenectady. In 1997, he also served simultaneously as executive vice president and chief medical officer of Northeast Health for two years.

Currently, Dr. Wolff is also a physician partner with Community Care Physicians in Latham, clinical associate professor of medicine for the Albany Medical College, public service professor for the Ringel Institute of Gerontology for the University at Albany, and a senior fellow for the Alden March Bioethics Institute at Albany Medical College.

Dr. Wolff has a bachelor of arts degree in biological sciences, with distinction, from Cornell University. He earned his medical degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and later served as a Clinical Fellow at Harvard Medical School. He completed his internship and residency at the Department of Medicine at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. Dr. Wolff is also certified through the Executive Program in Managed Care at the Bloch School of Management, University of Missouri at Kansas City.

Additionally, Dr. Wolff is a diplomate of the NBME (National Board of Medical Examiners), a diplomate of the ABIM (American Board of Internal Medicine) and in Geriatrics. He has served as a member of numerous professional societies and public health organizations both regionally and nationally, including as consultant for the New York State Department of Health's

Bureau of Long Term Care, and member of the Scientific Advisory Committee for the Capital District Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, American Public Health Association, and American Federation for Aging Research.

Currently, Dr. Wolff serves as a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, and a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and American Geriatrics Society. He has also been widely published in medical and industry journals, and is a frequent contributor to the media on health and aging issues.

Dr. Wolff has received many awards and accolades in his career, for his medical work, research and his community service, including the Albert H. Douglas Memorial Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching from the Medical Society of the State of New York, the Golden Heart Award for Community Service from Community Care Physicians, and the President's Award from Northeast Health. He is a resident of Schodack.

The region's largest private-sector employer, **St. Peter's Health Partners** employs more than 12,500 employees, with more than 170 locations across seven counties. The system has an annual budget of nearly \$1.3 billion. St. Peter's Health Partners was created on October 1, 2011 by the merger of Northeast Health, St. Peter's Health Care Services and Seton Health. The merger created the region's largest and most comprehensive not-for-profit network of high-quality, advanced medical care, primary care, rehabilitation and senior services. These state-of-the-art services and programs are provided through Albany Memorial Hospital and St. Peter's Hospital in Albany; Samaritan Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital in Troy; Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital in Schenectady; as well as The Eddy system of continuing care and The Community Hospice. SPHP also includes St. Peter's Health Partners Medical Associates, a non-profit, physician-governed, multi-specialty group that is a full affiliate corporation of SPHP. With more than 350 practitioners, SPHP Medical Associates is one of the region's largest multispecialty physician group practices. For more information, please visit www.SPHP.com.