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**ROBERT VAUTRAIN, MD NAMED VICE PRESIDENT AND
CHIEF QUALITY OFFICER OF HOSPITAL SISTERS HEALTH SYSTEM**

SPRINGFIELD, IL – Robert L. Vautrain, MD, MS, a leader in new advances in medical quality and patient satisfaction, has accepted an invitation to serve Hospital Sisters Health System as Vice President and Chief Quality Officer, said Stephanie S. McCutcheon, President and CEO of HSHS.

In this new role, Dr. Vautrain also will serve as Vice President of the new Hospital Sisters Health System Institute of Quality and Comparative Effectiveness. He currently serves as the Chief Medical Officer of SIU HealthCare, the faculty practice arm of Southern Illinois University School of Medicine and as an Associate Professor of Clinical Internal Medicine at SIU.

“We are delighted that Dr. Vautrain will join HSHS and bring his exceptional expertise in the area of clinical quality to our healing Mission,” McCutcheon said. “His appointment is a major milestone in our journey to enhance our integrated patient-centered delivery of health care; care that focuses on the highest quality and most compassionate service possible. Dr. Vautrain will be instrumental in leading us to achieve our goals.”

Dr. Vautrain will report to Frank Mikell, MD, the Chief Physician Executive of HSHS. He will provide oversight and consultation with all hospital leaders including the Chief Medical Officers and Chief Medical Informatics Officers at each of the 13 HSHS Local Systems in Illinois and Wisconsin and will help advance the innovative HSHS Care Integration strategy with physician practices, medical schools and research institutions in both states.

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"I am honored and extremely pleased to be afforded the opportunity to work with the HSHS team on their journey. I am absolutely passionate about the quality of our health care, and I value tremendously the chance to help this great organization move forward," Dr. Vautrain said.

The advances and new initiatives in the delivery of patient care and physician-hospital alignment will be further explored and tested by the new HSHS Institute of Quality and Comparative Effectiveness. The Institute has been created to help bring innovation to the forefront of medical practice and to standardize methods and goals within the communities served by HSHS. The Institute also is designed to be a major collaborative link between HSHS and schools of medicine, nursing and applied health sciences.

Prior to joining SIU HealthCare in November of 2008, Dr. Vautrain served as Vice President, Medical Affairs, at Saint Francis Memorial Hospital and St. Mary's Medical Center, both in San Francisco, California; and for 10 years as Chief Medical Officer of the Memorial Health System of Springfield, Illinois. He entered medical administration after a 16-year career in the private practice of internal medicine in Springfield.

Dr. Vautrain is a graduate of the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry and also holds a Master's Degree in Administrative Medicine from the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

About Hospital Sisters Health System

Hospital Sisters Health System is a Roman Catholic health care mission founded to continue the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Sponsored by the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, HSHS provides state-of-the-art health care framed in traditional values taught by St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. It is dedicated to serving all people, including the poor and the needy, at each of its 13 Local Systems in Illinois (Belleville, Breese, Decatur, Effingham, Highland, Litchfield, Springfield and Streator) and in Wisconsin (Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Sheboygan and two in Green Bay). For more information about HSHS, visit www.hshs.org.

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