

TACOMA, WA, September 12, 2013 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- Sound Physicians, a leading hospitalist organization focused on driving improvements in quality, satisfaction and financial performance of inpatient healthcare delivery, announced today an agreement to provide hospitalist services for seven CHRISTUS Health hospitals throughout Texas and Louisiana.

The sites include: CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi-Shoreline and CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi-South in Corpus Christi, TX; CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospital-Medical Center and CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospital-Westover Hills in San Antonio, TX; and CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Hospital, CHRISTUS St. Patrick Hospital and CHRISTUS Highland Medical Center in Louisiana.

"We are looking forward to partnering with CHRISTUS Health and increasing our strong regional presence in Texas while expanding our services to Louisiana," said Robert Bessler, MD, CEO of Sound Physicians. "We are eager to bring our performance focus and physician leadership to these CHRISTUS Health hospitals."

Gene Woods, COO of CHRISTUS Health, said, "CHRISTUS Health is excited to partner with Sound Physicians. We are confident that their engaged hospitalists and evidence-based processes will deliver the highest quality of care to our patients."

Working with CHRISTUS Health's leadership team, Sound Physicians will assume employment of the Louisiana-based hospital's employed hospitalists and recruit to build teams in its Texas hospitals. Sound Physicians will introduce its SoundConnect workflow and communications platform and processes to drive improvements in inpatient care outcomes, as well as financial performance. Sound Physicians will also apply its expertise in building high-performing hospitalist practices, including strong physician leadership, revenue cycle management and a track record of physician recruiting success.

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 improves the delivery of inpatient care. Sound Physicians aligns with healthcare providers to measurably enhance patient outcomes and strengthen its partners' financial performance. The organization is the practice of choice of more than 750 hospitalist

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