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Physicians Recognized at Mercy Tiffin Hospital Banquet

Tiffin, OH – The 2009 Annual Recognition Event was held on October 1, 2009 to honor members of the Mercy Tiffin Hospital Medical Staff and Board of Trustees for their years and terms of service, and to announce the winner of the prestigious Physician Excellence Award. It was a delightful evening as we gathered to celebrate those who provide the best, most personal care to our community each and every day.

The recognition banquet is held annually to celebrate and recognize members of the Medical Staff and Board of Trustees at Mercy Tiffin for their dedicated service to the hospital and community. Each physician is recognized for his or her service in increments of five years. Board members are recognized for service in increments of three year terms completed. A special highlight of the evening was the awarding of Physician Excellence Award, a tradition started in 2005. The award winner is selected from nominations gathered from members of the medical staff as well as Mercy Tiffin employees and board members.

The following members of the Mercy Tiffin Medical Staff were recognized for their years of service. **5**

Years of Service: Subrahmanyam Chodisetty, MD, Neurology; Nathan Hill, MD, Pain Management/Physical Medicine; William Horvath, MD, Medical Oncology; Jatinder Rana, MD,

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Psychiatry. **10 Years of Service:** Munir Ahmad, MD, Radiation Oncology; Paul Clark, MD, Vascular Surgery; Srinivas Katragadda, MD, Pulmonology; Edward Sierra, MD, Emergency Medicine; William Suarez, MD, Pediatric Cardiology. **15 Years of Service:** Abner Cordero, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology. **25 Years of Service:** Meera Agarwal, MD, Anesthesiology. **30 Years of Service:** Ajitkumar Desai, MD, Urology; Prasad Kakarala, MD, Pediatrics; Dinesh Thekdi, MD, Cardiology.

The following members of the Mercy Tiffin Board of Trustees were recognized for their terms of service. **1 Term (2006-2009):** Mr. Chris English, Sr. Noel Frey, RSM and Mr. Will Heddles. **3 Terms (2001 - 2010):** Mr. Brent Howard - current Chair.

The winner of the 2009 Physician Excellence Award is Dr. Steven Copeland, Orthopedic Surgeon. Dr. Copeland was nominated by Jean Thompson and the Mercy Tiffin Surgery Staff.

The prestigious Physician Excellence Award is given annually to a physician who meets the criteria set forth by the hospital's Physician Satisfaction Team. The members of the hospital's Physician Satisfaction Team, which includes employees from both clinical and support service areas, reviewed 12 nominations and selected one winner for each category. Names and other identifiers were removed from the nomination forms so team members could maintain neutrality.

“This year we received 12 inspiring testimonials to excellence,” Susan M. Hellmann, senior director of organizational planning, physician development and medical staff relations, said. “It is humbling to see the varied and tangible ways our medical staff demonstrates excellence in their words and deeds. We all know that physicians significantly touch the lives of their patients. What is not always as apparent is their span and strength of influence upon the lives of their professional colleagues and the hospital employees. The Physician Excellence Award presented this evening provides an opportunity to acknowledge that personal impact and express sincere appreciation.”

Dr. Copeland displays willingness to teach and explain. He is receptive to clinical, administrative, and nursing suggestions and/or concerns, and he demonstrates effective use of interpersonal skills in dealing with staff, patients, and families to constructively resolve conflict. Dr. Copeland promotes collaboration and enthusiastically approaches interdisciplinary initiatives; is recognized for outstanding support of medical education programs and initiatives, and serves as an educational 'mentor' or 'role model' for Mercy Tiffin ancillary, clinical, and support staff. Dr. Copeland embodies the humanitarian mission of

Mercy Tiffin Hospital through personal and professional actions and attitudes. He demonstrates support for the Mercy Tiffin Foundation and furthers the vision of the founders of Mercy Tiffin Hospital by modeling the core values, consistently facilitating and fostering compassion, cooperation, and courtesy in his/her interactions with staff, patients, visitors, volunteers, and colleagues.

Mercy Tiffin Hospital is a community hospital committed to providing excellent health care services to its patients and families. Area residents benefit from excellence in personalized inpatient, outpatient, and emergency care. As a member of Mercy Health Partners, Mercy Tiffin is linked to a comprehensive range of primary and critical care health services including Life Flight. Mercy Health Partners is a not-for-profit health system in Northwest Ohio dedicated to improving the health of people in its communities with emphasis on its 150-year mission of caring for all in need. Mercy is composed of Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center, Mercy St. Charles Hospital, Mercy St. Anne Hospital, Mercy Children's Hospital, Mercy Tiffin Hospital, Mercy Willard Hospital, Mercy Hospital of Defiance, St. Vincent & University of Toledo Life Flight and Mercy College of Northwest Ohio. Please visit mercyweb.org for additional information regarding Mercy Health Partners.

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