



**LOUISIANA MEDICAL CENTER & HEART HOSPITAL
NAMES CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Lacombe, LA (February 25, 2009) – The Board of Directors at the Louisiana Medical Center & Heart Hospital are pleased to announce that Donnie Frederic has joined the hospital as President and Chief Executive Officer. A native of St. Amant, LA, Donnie received his undergraduate degree from Louisiana State University and a Master of Health Administration from Tulane University.

Prior to joining the hospital Donnie was Chief Operating Officer at the Arkansas Heart Hospital in Little Rock. He has also held CEO and COO positions at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton, TX and Northwest Medical Center, Springdale, AR. “I am excited to return to my home state of Louisiana to work with such an outstanding hospital. I am impressed with the health care professionals and the physicians at the Louisiana Medical Center & Heart Hospital and look forward to making a difference in the communities we serve.”

About Louisiana Medical Center & Heart Hospital

Opened in 2003 in the heart of St. Tammany Parish, the Louisiana Medical Center & Heart Hospital is a general acute care facility that provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services. Scheduled to open in May 2009 is the soon to be completed 110,000 square-foot four-story patient tower and 45,000 square foot medical office building. Once complete, the new facility will provide an additional 120 private patient rooms, a 20-bed emergency room and an expanded operating room. The Louisiana Medical Center & Heart Hospital serves patients from St. Tammany, Washington, and Tangipahoa parishes as well as south Mississippi and the Mississippi gulf coast.

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