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Harris County Medical Society and Houston Academy of Medicine Install New Leaders

Houston, TX (Jan. 16, 2015)... The Harris County Medical Society (HCMS), the professional society for physicians in Harris County, and the Houston Academy of Medicine (HAM), the scientific and charitable organization for HCMS physicians, installed their new officers Friday, Jan. 9, at the HCMS/HAM Installation of Officers & Leadership Recognition, at the Petroleum Club of Houston. HCMS is the largest county medical society in the nation, with more than 11,000 physician and medical student members.

Installed into office were the 2015 HCMS President Bradford S. Patt, MD, and 2015 HAM President Lisa L. Ehrlich, MD, as well as the other HCMS and HAM officers. HAM honored Allen B. Weisse, MD, with the John P. McGovern Compleat Physician Award. This national award recognizes a physician who embodies excellence, humane and ethical care, and commitment to medical humanities.

Dr. Bradford S. Patt, board-certified otolaryngologist and facial plastic surgeon, will be installed as the 114th president of the Harris County Medical Society. Dr. Patt has been in private practice at the Houston, Ear, Nose, Throat and Allergy Clinic since 1993 and at the Houston Center for Facial Plastic Surgery since 1996. In addition to his medical practice, he is an Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Otolaryngology at the University of Texas Medical Branch-Galveston and at the University of Texas Medical Center-Dallas.

Dr. Patt graduated Magna Cum Laude from Louisiana State University. He received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the Louisiana State University Medical School. Upon graduation from medical school, he entered a General Surgery Internship followed by a Residency Program in Otolaryngology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, TX. Dr. Patt extended his medical education with a Fellowship in Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the University of Illinois in Chicago. He is Board Certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology, the American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

He is active in the medical community. He served as president of Texas Association of Otolaryngology (2000-2001), board of the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Bank (2013-2014), Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital Cancer Committee (1994-2000), Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital Credentials and Ethics Committee (1994-2000), and American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Facial Plastic Surgery Committee (2010-2012). He has served on committees of the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Texas Medical Association, and Harris County Medical Society. Dr. Patt also is active in the community. He has been a board member of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation since 2002 and provides the Houston Area Women’s Center with pro-bono work for domestic violence victims.

Dr. Patt has been named a Super Doctor for Texas in the field of otolaryngology for the past nine years. The prestigious award is given to leaders in their field who have both been recognized by their peers and the independent research of MSP Communications. He has hospital affiliations with Memorial Hermann Southwest and Memorial City, Texas Children’s Hospital, CHRISTUS St. John Hospital, Northeast Medical Center Hospital, and St. Luke’s Sugar Land Hospital.

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**Dr. Lisa L. Ehrlich**, a board-certified internist and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, will be installed as the 2015 president of the Houston Academy of Medicine (HAM). She is in private practice at L. Ehrlich & Associates Medical Clinic, PLLC. She served as a clinical instructor (1998-2002) and as a preceptor (1998-1999) at Baylor College of Medicine, and as a clinical instructor at the University of Michigan Medical School (1996-1997).

She graduated Magnum Cum Laude at Texas Tech University and received her Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch-Galveston and conducted her residency in internal medicine at the University of Michigan Medical Center.

Dr. Ehrlich has been presented with the *Texas Monthly* Super Doctor award for nine years. Other awards she has received include: the Bridges to Excellence Diabetes Care Recognition, Vitals 2013-2015 Level III, the American Medical Association Foundation Leadership Award, Professional Who’s Who, and American Top Physicians. She has a wide variety of service work, which includes serving on the HCMS Executive Board (2009 to present), The Health Museum ((2012), Chairman of the Texas Medical Association (TMA) Council on Healthcare Quality (present), Chairman of TMA Council on Patient and Physician Advocacy (2010-2011), Board of Directors of TEXPAC (2004- present), Medical Executive Committee of St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital (2007-2009), St. Luke’s IPA Credentials Committee (2001-present), and Medical Service Committee of the Texas Academy of Internal Medicine (2002-present), to name a few.

**Dr. Patt** and **Dr. Ehrlich** will serve as presidents for one-year terms, ending Dec. 31, 2015. The HCMS Executive Board is the governing board of HCMS and its members serve on the HAM Board of Trustees, the governing board of HAM. The four HCMS Members-at-Large are the officers of HAM. The HCMS Executive Board officers for 2015 are: **Bradford S. Patt, MD**, president; **Kimberly E. Monday, MD**, president elect; **JoAnne L. Rogers, MD**, vice president; and **Gary J. Sheppard, MD**, secretary/treasurer.

The HAM Board of Trustees for 2015 are: **Lisa L. Ehrlich, MD**, HAM President and HCMS Member-at-Large; **Alan P. Glombicki, MD**, HAM Vice President and HCMS Member-at-Large; **George D. Santos, MD**, HAM Treasurer and HCMS Member-at-Large; and **Bernard M. Gerber, MD**, HAM Secretary and HCMS Member-at-Large.

The following council and board chairs and branch presidents also will sit on the 2015 HCMS Executive Board and HAM Board of Trustees: **Thomas J. Parr, MD**, HCMS Council of Hospital Chiefs of Staff Chair; **Prasun K. Jalal, MD**, HCMS Council of International and Affiliated Medical Societies Chair; **Carlos J. Vital, MD**, HCMS Council of Specialty Societies Chair; **Donald R. Collins, Jr, MD**, HCMS Board of Ethics Chair; **Robert E. Jackson, MD**, HCMS Board of Medical Legislation Chair; **Brian M. Bruel, MD**, HCMS Board on Socioeconomics Chair; **Arlo F. Weltge, MD**, Delegation to the TMA Chair; **George W. Williams II, MD**, HCMS Central Branch President; **J. Kevin Horn, MD**, HCMS East Branch President; **Tal R. Raphaeli, MD**, HCMS North Branch President; **Karan S. Bhalla, MD**, HCMS Southeast Branch President; **Eddie L. Patton Jr, MD**, HCMS Southwest Branch President; **Etai Funk, MD**, HCMS Western Branch President; **Kenneth L. Mattox, MD**, of Baylor College of Medicine, and **Martin J. Citardi, MD**, of The University of Texas Health Science Center.

HCMS, established in 1903, is the professional society for physicians in Harris County. It is the largest county medical society in the nation, with a membership of more than 11,000 physicians and medical students. Its mission is to be the leading advocate for its member physicians, their patients and the community, in promoting the highest standards of ethical medical practice, access to quality medical care, medical education, research, and community health. In 1915, HCMS incorporated the Houston Academy of Medicine to support the community service, education, scientific and charitable programs for physicians, their patients, and the community at large in Harris County.

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