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SOUTH TEXAS REGIONAL
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STR PARTNERS WITH NEW EMERGENCY SERVICE GROUP

(JOURDANTON, TX) April 30, 2010—Effective May 1, 2010, South Texas Regional Medical Center (STRMC) and Schumacher Group will partner to provide residents of Atascosa County a new enhanced option for emergency care. The Schumacher Group, a physician owned and nationally operated emergency service provider, is well-known within the healthcare industry for their innovative strategies and highly effective track record.

Physicians of the Schumacher Group offer a wide range of experience working within the Texas medical environment. Currently, they are partnered with 39 Texas hospitals in communities of distinctive sizes and cultures. Over the past year Jim Resendez, STRMC CEO; has been overseeing the potential change in ED groups to obtain a higher standard of care at the facility and improve efficiencies in the patient care process. Resendez comments, “Throughout this year we have identified a strong desire for a group capable of providing us with physicians who are board-certified in emergency medicine.” He goes on to say, “Given the Schumacher Group’s familiarity with the medical landscape in Texas, their expansive resources and field experiences, we are now moving forward with this new partnership to attain a higher standard of emergency care at STRMC.”

The Schumacher Group employs hundreds of highly qualified and board-certified physicians from all areas of the country. This tremendous pool of physicians has enabled South Texas Regional Medical Center the opportunity to carefully pair and hand select the candidates with the skill sets to exceed the needs and expectations of patients from this community.

After months of recruiting, seven, new, board-certified physicians in emergency care have been selected to begin working in the month of May. The department is now fully staffed and prepared for uninterrupted patient services. These new physicians include: Richard Aldridge, M.D.; John Flanagan, M.D.; Richard Keiger, M.D.; Keith May, M.D.; Stephen Paulson, M.D.; Mark Szumilewicz, M.D. and Jason Wood, M.D. These physicians will be working alongside Patricio “Pat” Villarreal, M.D., the former Medical Director of Emergency Services to reinforce the continuity of patient care provided by the Schumacher Group. Recruitment continues to augment the number of ER physicians credentialed to work at the facility. Simultaneously, the selection process is underway to identify the core group of permanent physicians for the department.

South Texas Regional Medical Center will release news of further department developments in the coming weeks.

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