

Manhattan's Physician Group Formed

JHD Group to Manage Multi-specialty Group Which Will Serve The Healthcare Needs of Manhattan's Neighborhoods

New York, NY (October 16, 2006, 2006) Manhattan's Physician Group today announced that it has successfully completed the consolidation of eight Medical Offices, with close to 100 physicians, into the newly formed Manhattan's Physician Group. These Medical Offices were previously associated with the Continuum Health System and the Lenox Hill Hospital. The former Continuum facilities have transitioned to Manhattan's Physician Group Medical Offices, and the former Lenox Hill facilities will continue to operate under the name Lenox Hill Community Medical Group for a period of time. This consolidation is the first step in developing a Manhattan-based multi-specialty group dedicated to serving the healthcare needs of Manhattan neighborhoods.

Manhattan's Physician Group accepts nearly all insurance company health plans (HIP, CIGNA, Aetna, GHI, Oxford, and others) along with Medicare, and will initially provide primary care and specialty physician services in eight neighborhood locations including:

Washington Heights (185th Street at Broadway)

Upper Manhattan (152nd Street at Amsterdam)

Lenox Hill Community Medical Group Upper East Side (95th Street at 3rd Avenue)

West 91st Street (91st at Broadway)

West 71st Street (71st at Broadway)

Lenox Hill Community Medical Group Midtown (55th Street at 6th Avenue)

East 23rd Street (23rd Street at 2nd Avenue)

Grand Street (Grand Street at 2nd Avenue)

"This is a wonderful opportunity to provide more comprehensive and convenient healthcare services in Manhattan's neighborhoods. In this regard we are about to begin a significant investment program which over time will include new facilities, a state-of-the-art Electronic Medical Record, expanded clinical and ancillary services, and After Hours Care Centers," commented Dr. Martin Valdes, Manhattan's Physician Groups' lead shareholder. Dr. Valdes add that, "This consolidation was so successful because of the support of organizations such as the Continuum Health System, Lenox Hill Hospital and the Institute for Urban Family Health. Additionally, much of the credit goes to the JHD Group for successfully planning and managing the transition and who will also provide Practice Management Services to Manhattan's Physician Group for the next several years. They were instrumental in our having a seamless transition."

"We're very pleased to be an integral part of Manhattan's Physician Group development and management and look forward to helping the organization grow into a highly effective, neighborhood focused medical practice," said JHD Group President John H. (Hank) Duffy. "We see this consolidation as an industry trend where physicians can better serve their patients when they have the scale, technology, and management to provide convenient access to a full range of outpatient clinical services. In this particular situation, the wonderful commitment and support of the physicians, particularly Dr. Joe Zeitlin, and staff made the transition easier, and will make a significant difference as Manhattan's Physician Group further develops its capabilities." he continued.

About Manhattan's Physician Group

Manhattan's Physician Group is a physician owned multi-specialty medical group headquartered in New York, New York and serving patients throughout Manhattan. The group is composed of close to 100 physicians with specialties including Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Pediatrics, OB/GYN, Urology, Ophthalmology, and others. Included in Manhattan's Physician Group are two Lenox Hill Community Physician Group facilities.

About JHD Group

JHD Group is a healthcare consulting and management services firm headquartered in Dallas. The firm helps healthcare providers to achieve operational excellence through more effective contracting, governance, information technology, cost reduction and revenue enhancement. JHD Group is composed of senior clinical and administrative professionals each with 15-30 years experience in healthcare and a commitment to speed in achieving results, reliable partnerships and an "enterprise orientation" to helping its clients grow and prosper. Visit www.jhdgroup.com for more information.