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Starling Physicians Connect Statewide through CTHealthLink

(New Haven, CT, March 1, 2018) CTHealthLink, in partnership with the Connecticut State Medical Society (CSMS), is pleased to announce Starling Physicians has joined the newly formed, physician-led, statewide interoperable health information exchange (HIE). Starling Physicians is Connecticut's largest, independent, multispecialty group representing more than 250 physicians and other clinicians in 30 locations across the state.

"This is a proud moment," said Jarrod Post, MD, chief medical officer for Starling Physicians. "Partnering with CTHealthLink, across our practice and our state, drives the common goal of delivering the best possible patient care and benefits the state's medical community."

"Physicians are undergoing a major transformation in how they are expected to deliver care," explained Dr. Post. "This is a unique opportunity for us to become aligned, across independent practices, groups, and health systems in Connecticut and beyond."

Dr. Post added, "We see Starling as a beacon for independent practices. We recognize the independent practitioner has ownership and pride in their business model. Fully-sharing data through the HIE is a necessity to thrive in this new healthcare arena."

Participation in the HIE improves care coordination by allowing connected physicians, hospitals and other providers to share patient health information, including information from all providers and facilities from whom a patient has received care. Physicians can proactively manage their patients' care in ways that have never been possible before.

Jeffrey Gordon, MD, chair of the CTHealthLink Advisory Committee said, "We value Starling Physicians as an HIE partner in our effort to increase patient medical information access at the point of care."

Bryan Graven, CEO of National Physicians Services, said, “This collaborative effort to build bridges that integrate healthcare technology across Connecticut is something truly special and unique. As an affinity partner of CSMS, and working closely with CTHealthLink, we are pleased to be a part of providing technology services tailored to the growing needs of the Connecticut medical community.”

About CTHealthLink

CTHealthLink is a physician-led health information network delivered in partnership with the Connecticut State Medical Society (CSMS) and KaMMCO Health Solutions. Uniquely positioned to transform healthcare in Connecticut, CTHealthLink offers Connecticut’s physicians and healthcare providers a health information exchange that comprises best-in-class technology partners, is physician-led, financially secure, innovation-driven and responsive to the quickly changing healthcare landscape.

CTHealthLink provides participating physicians with the tools necessary to: access patient information in a timely, secure manner; improve care coordination and patient safety; increase physician/patient communication; engage patients through an online patient portal; utilize patient panel and population health analytics in a meaningful way; effectively transition to a value-based payment model; and support efforts to meet requirements for MIPS/APMs.

About Connecticut State Medical Society

One of the nation’s oldest medical societies, the Connecticut State Medical Society was founded in 1792 and serves more than 6,000 physicians across the state. The mission of CSMS is to be the voice of all Connecticut physicians; to lead physicians in advocacy; to promote the profession of medicine; to improve the quality of care; and to safeguard the health of our patients.

About Starling Physicians

Starling Physicians is Connecticut’s leading multispecialty group with more than 250 physicians representing a wide range of specialties providing a coordinated approach to care. The practice is owned and led by physicians with a deep commitment to providing the highest quality care to people of all ages at 30 locations throughout central Connecticut. Starling Physicians was formed in 2016 by the unification of Grove Hill Medical Centers and Connecticut Multispecialty Group.

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