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Fino Joins Woodland Heights

LUFKIN, TEXAS (April 30, 2004)... Dr. Sam Fino has been named medical director of the Inpatient Unit of The Rehabilitation Center at Woodland Heights.

Dr. Fino, most recently served as the Medical Director of the Health South Rehabilitation Unit in Kansas City, Kansas.

“I wanted to come back to Texas, and this opportunity afforded me the chance to live where I want and work in a field that I love,” he said. Prior to his work in Kansas, Dr. Fino operated his own practice and was Medical Director at Good Shepherd Rehab in Longview, Texas.

Dr. Fino received his Doctor of Medicine from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas and interned at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas. His Physician Medicine and Rehabilitation residency training was at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Bronx, New York.

“I’ve been in rehab for nine years,” Dr. Fino said. “I chose this field because it deals with recovering patients and the work occurs over a period of time. We get the opportunity to help patients who are recovering from strokes, hip fractures and other injuries regain functionality,” he said.

“The Woodland Heights staff has been very welcoming and friendly. I love small cities, everyone is so respectful and friendly. And Lufkin offers some great amenities.”

Dr. Fino and his wife, Mariz have two daughters, ages 4 and 2 1/2.

Woodland Heights Medical Center has an 86-year tradition of caring for the people of deep East Texas. Providing the highest quality of healthcare, advanced technology, and cost-effective treatment, Woodland Heights Medical Center is a leader in the healthcare industry. Over the past 15 years, Woodland Heights Medical Center has built one of the country’s top-rated cardiac programs. With the only five-star rated cardiac interventional program in East Texas, Woodland Heights Medical Center is among the top 10% of heart programs in the nation. In Texas, the hospital is ranked number six for overall cardiac services. Woodland Heights Medical Center is an affiliate of Triad Hospitals, Inc. (NYSE:TRI), a company that owns and manages 56 hospitals and 16 ambulatory surgery

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