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## Dr. Pasquale Picco Resigns from St. James Mercy Hospital

**April 19, 2013...Hornell, NY...**St. James Mercy Hospital (SJMH) announced today that Pasquale Picco, MD, medical internist and pulmonologist, has tendered his resignation from St. James Mercy Hospital, according to Mary LaRowe, SJMH President and CEO, who accepted his resignation on April 18. Dr. Picco's effective date of resignation will be August 30, 2013.

"We regret Dr. Picco's decision, for he has been a dynamic, engaged member of our medical staff for nearly 18 years," said LaRowe. "All of us at SJMH will miss his many contributions to the Hospital, not just as a clinician but also as a leader, and we wish him all the best in his next endeavor."

"My decision to leave St. James Mercy was a difficult one," said Picco. "SJMH provides wonderful care to the Hornell community, and I have truly enjoyed working at the Hospital. It's been an honor to be part of such a dedicated staff, and also to have the opportunity to provide care to so many Hornell residents."

Dr. Picco will be establishing a practice in internal medicine and pulmonary medicine with Jones Memorial Hospital, in Wellsville, New York. He expects to continue working collaboratively to provide some services to SJMH in a consulting capacity, and is working with SJMH administration to finalize those details.

According to LaRowe, SJMH will work collaboratively with Dr. Picco to assist patients during this change. "We are all committed first and foremost to providing quality care to his patients," said LaRowe. More information will be forthcoming from Picco and SJMH regarding how patients may access records or otherwise transition to a different provider.

While his practice is changing to a new location, Dr. Picco does not plan on moving his residence. "I have lived in Hornell since 1995," he said. "This is a great place to raise a family, and we are pleased to be part of the Hornell community." Picco said the opportunity to establish his practice in a new environment presents a challenge he is looking forward to.

"Change is the one constant in the healthcare environment right now," said LaRowe. "We will miss having Dr. Picco on staff at SJMH, appreciate his ongoing support, and are pleased that he and his family will continue to be part of our community."

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