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St. James Mercy Hospital and Jones Memorial Hospital Collaborate to Ensure Women's Health Services in Region

April 7, 2014...Hornell, NY...St. James Mercy Hospital (SJMH), in Hornell, NY, announced today an opportunity for collaboration with Jones Memorial Hospital, in Wellsville, NY, that will help ensure the preservation of women's health services in the region. According to CEOs from both organizations, the opportunity arose in part due to the resignation last week of Andres Rubert, MD, Obstetrics/Gynecology, from SJMH, where he has been employed since 2007, to accept a position with Jones Memorial Hospital. The hospitals are working together to facilitate a plan that will allow Dr. Rubert to serve patients in both communities.

"Dr. Rubert is a talented, compassionate physician who truly believes in the mission of providing quality care that is accessible to all in the community," said Jennifer Sullivan, SJMH president & CEO. "He has built a large, loyal practice here in Hornell, and we want to ensure he can continue to serve patients' needs in this community as well as in the Wellsville area."

While Dr. Rubert's resignation from SJMH will be effective July 28, his office practice will continue to be located in Hornell even beyond that date. He will perform deliveries at SJMH through the end of July and will begin performing deliveries at Jones starting in August.

"All of us are committed first and foremost to meeting the healthcare needs of the residents in our communities," said Eva Benedict, CEO of Jones Memorial Hospital. "We are pleased with this opportunity to collaborate with St. James Mercy Hospital to provide services for a greater number of community residents."

"We have a unique opportunity to keep women's healthcare services available to residents in the Hornell and Wellsville communities," said Sullivan. "Working together with Jones Memorial Hospital, we can ensure uninterrupted care for Dr. Rubert's current patients as well as expanded care options for new patients outside of the Hornell community."

"I am grateful for the support and collegiality I have experienced at St. James Mercy for the past six years," said Dr. Rubert. "My decision to affiliate with Jones Memorial Hospital is a 'win-win' for both communities. I am excited about the opportunity to be part of this collaborative effort to continue providing quality women's healthcare here in the Hornell community."

Dr. Rubert's current patients will continue to access care at the 430 Canisteo Street office, and new patients are welcome to his practice. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Dr. Rubert's office at 607-324-0604.