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Letter

St. James Mercy moving in right direction

As President of St. James Mercy Hospital Medical staff, member of the Board of SJMH, and community physician for over 20 years, I would like to make a few comments concerning the recent change in Administration at the hospital and to address some of the rumors.

First and Foremost, the Hospital is not closing. There are many activities happening behind the scenes to help grow and improve the health services available in the community. There are excellent and dedicated physicians associated with St. James Mercy who are anxious to work with the new administration to guarantee long term health care in our home town and surrounding communities.

There are many fabulous things about our local hospital that we should all be proud of. The care provided from the Emergency Room, to the Medical Floors and ICU, through the Operating Room and into the Nursing Home is excellent. We have competent and caring staff that provides exceptional care.

Our new administration is open to fresh ideas and anxious to help move St. James Mercy Hospital into the future to not only meet the requirements of health reform, but to be better than what we have been.

Please think positively about our Hospital. Talk about your good experience at St. James Mercy and not just the bad or the rumors.

And finally, let your health care contacts know what we, as your local health care providers, can do to meet your health needs.

We are all here to provide you the best service possible.

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