



Press Release from the Sangamon County Medical Society

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**Medical District Expo: Featuring Medical Advances, Exploring Economic  
Opportunities in the new Illinois Medical District at Springfield**

**Friday, June 16**

***“Medical Miracle Makers” available at the Media Conference & Expo***

The Sangamon County Medical Society, in support of the Illinois Medical District at Springfield (IMDS) is hosting a “Medical District Expo” today, June 16, from 4 to 7 p.m., at the James T. Dove, M.D. Conference Center, located in the Prairie Heart Institute, at 619 E. Mason St., Springfield.

The purpose of the Expo is to help educate business leaders and the local community about the new IMDS and its growing stature as a center of medical excellence. It will explore the medical advances and recent changes occurring within the Medical District and will feature the marketing materials that illustrate the medical excellence that make the IMDS a technology center worthy of investment.

The Expo will showcase the leading edge medical and scientific breakthroughs captured in a new publication and marketing tool referred to as “Medical Miracles,” which offers a close look at the significant advanced medical treatments and clinical trials currently taking place within the Medical District. The first edition features 21 physicians and researchers who were selected by a peer review panel based upon review of their patent(s), success in obtaining national grant funding from agencies such as the National Institutes of Health, participation as the principal investigator in clinical research trials, and/or regional and national reputation in attracting patients to Springfield.

With underwriting support from Ameren, the Illinois State Medical Society and the City of Springfield’s Office of Planning & Economic Development, the Sangamon County Medical Society has also partnered with the Medical District’s anchors to host the Expo. These include: Memorial Medical Center, Prairie Cardiovascular Consultants, St. John’s Hospital, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine and Springfield Clinic. The Expo is also hosted by the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce and the three neighborhood associations located within IMDS: Downtown Springfield, Inc., Enos Park Neighborhood Association, and Oak Ridge Neighborhood Association.

The anchors will display information about their contributions to the center of medical excellence. The business partners will feature the new IMDS marketing materials and logo developed by the international marketing firm Hill & Knowlton. The neighborhood associations will focus on their historical and residential contributions to the area. These organizations, along with the community health volunteer arm of the Medical Society, its Alliance, will all have displays at the Expo, with representatives present and available during the media conference.

“The Sangamon County Medical Society (SCMS) has long been a staunch supporter of the new Illinois Medical District at Springfield (IMDS), which over time will be a catalyst for much needed economic development and a major stimulus for all levels of job growth,” said Tammie Klein, M.D., Chair of the SCMS’s Expo planning group. “The Expo seeks to encourage a broader understanding of the scope and intent of the Medical District within both the medical and business communities.”

“It is expected the Expo will highlight the collaboration and the strength of the medical community when seeking capital investment and development of various kinds within IMDS, particularly biotech and medical device manufacturing companies,” added Dr. Klein.

A media conference is scheduled today at 1:30 p.m., at the James T. Dove, M.D. Conference Center, located in the Prairie Heart Institute, 619 E. Mason St., Springfield. Remarks will be made by –

- Dr. David J. Bitzer, a urologist and Past President of the Sangamon County Medical Society and Vice President of the Illinois Medical District at Springfield (IMDS) Commission;
- Michael P. Boer, President of the IMDS Commission; and,
- Dr. Donald R. Graham, an infectious disease specialist, a member of the Peer Review Panel that oversaw the selection process of those recognized in the “Medical Miracles” publication, and District V Trustee for Sangamon County to the Illinois State Medical Society’s Board of Trustees.

Some of the local innovators being recognized in the new “Medical Miracles” publication will be at the media conference. A short program at 5:30 p.m. will update attendees and announce all of the 21 leading medical and scientific innovators selected, 14 of whom will be in attendance (see attachment for complete list), who serve as a cross-section of the extensive areas of medical care and research currently underway.

Established in 1899, the Sangamon County Medical Society is a non-profit professional organization of over 1,000 physician, resident and medical student members from Sangamon County whose mission is to provide leadership in health care through service, education and advocacy for our members, patients and the community in Central Illinois. ###

## **Attachment**

### **Medical Miracles – list of Miracle Makers Sangamon County Medical Society June 16, 2006**

#### **1. Andrzej Bartke, Ph.D.**

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Departments of Internal Medicine and of Physiology  
Professor of internal medicine and physiology, director of geriatric research for the internal medicine department and an SIUC University distinguished scholar

#### **2. Carol A. Bauer, M.D.**

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Department of Surgery  
Associate professor of otolaryngology

#### **3. Gregory J. Brewer, Ph.D.**

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Departments of Neurology and of Medical Microbiology, Immunology and Cell Biology  
Professor of neurology and medical microbiology, immunology and cell biology

#### **4. Donald M. Caspary, Ph.D.**

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Department of Pharmacology  
Professor of pharmacology and SIUC University distinguished scholar

#### **5. James T. Dove, M.D.**

Prairie Cardiovascular Consultants  
Dove is president-elect of the American College of Cardiology and will assume the presidency in March 2007

#### **6. Gary L. Dunnington, M.D.**

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Department of Surgery  
Professor and chair of surgery at SIU

#### **7. Randolph C. Elble, Ph.D.**

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Department of Pharmacology and the SimmonsCooper Cancer Institute at SIU  
Assistant professor of pharmacology

#### **8. Rodger J. Elble, M.D., Ph.D.**

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Department of Neurology  
Professor and chair of neurology and director of SIU's Center for Alzheimer Disease and Related Disorders.

#### **9. Donald R. Graham, M.D.**

Springfield Clinic, Department of Infectious Diseases  
Chair of the infectious diseases department

#### **10. Stephen R. Hazelrigg, M.D.**

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Department of Surgery  
Professor and chair of SIU's cardiothoracic surgery division

#### **11. Kim J. Hodgson, M.D.**

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Department of Surgery  
Professor and chair of SIU's vascular surgery division

**12. Patrick H. McKenna, M.D.**

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Department of Surgery  
Professor and chair of SIU's urology division

**13. Gregory Mishkel, M.D.**

Prairie Cardiovascular Consultants  
Interventional cardiologist with expertise in both coronary and peripheral percutaneous interventions

**14. Dean K. Naritoku, M.D.**

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Department of Neurology  
Professor of neurology and director of SIU's Center for Epilepsy

**15. Michael R. Pranzatelli, M.D.**

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Departments of Neurology and of Pediatrics  
Professor of neurology and pediatrics at SIU

**16. K. Thomas Robbins, M.D.**

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Department of Surgery and the SimmonsCooper Cancer Institute at SIU  
Professor of otolaryngology head and neck surgery and director of the SimmonsCooper Cancer Institute at SIU

**17. Bradley F. Schwartz, D.O.**

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Department of Surgery  
Associate professor of urology and director of SIU's center for laparoscopy and endourology

**18. Deborah E. Seale**

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Executive Director – Telehealth Networks and Programs

**19. Stephen P. Stone, M.D.**

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine  
Professor of dermatology at SIU and director of clinical research for the dermatology division

**20. Linda A. Toth, Ph.D., D.V.M.**

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Affairs

**21. Gayle Woodson, M.D.**

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Department of Surgery  
Professor and chair of SIU's otolaryngology head and neck surgery division