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**ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL TO OPEN  
PRIMARY CARE DOCTORS OFFICE IN HARLEM**

*The St. Luke's Medical Group, a new primary care doctors office,  
to be opened seven days a week, brings high quality care to the residents  
of the Central Harlem and Morningside Heights communities*

New York NY (March 24, 2010) In an effort to extend its outreach to the underserved populations of Central Harlem and Morningside Heights and bring into the community the highest quality patient care and the talent of esteemed doctors, St. Luke's Hospital has launched St. Luke's Medical Group's new primary care center, located at The Bradhurst at 2771 Frederick Douglass Boulevard at 147<sup>th</sup> Street. The facility is scheduled to open in April 2010.

Frank J. Cracolici, President of St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals says, "The goal of the St. Luke's Medical Group is to further establish a lasting relationship with the surrounding communities by providing its residents with a center of excellence in primary care."

The St. Luke's Medical Group will have a diverse staff including Jessica Petilla, M.D., and Emilio Perez, M.D., who specialize in Internal Medicine and Geriatrics; and General Internists Sophia Casely-Hayford, M.D., Jessie Fields, M.D., and Stephanie Wang, M.D.

The medical staff will see patients for regular check-ups, preventative care for non-emergency symptoms, routine screenings such as cholesterol and weight checks, health maintenance and disease prevention, flu shots and other immunizations, geriatric consultations and assessments, medical care for wounds that are not healing well, and

chronic care for diseases such as diabetes, high blood pressure, asthma, chronic heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and arthritis.

Gary Burke, M.D., Chief of Medicine at St. Luke's Hospital says, "The St. Luke's Medical Group hopes to create a healthier, well-educated community with goals of early identification of patients at high risk of developing heart disease or diabetes, as well as provide education to patients and caregivers of chronically ill relatives."

The center will have convenient hours, open seven days a week (Monday through Friday 8am to 8pm and Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 5pm). Walk-ins will be welcome, although it is encouraged that patients make appointments. The practice will work with Commercial, Medicare and Medicaid Managed Care insurance plans to best reach the Harlem communities.

For more information about the St. Luke's Medical Group or to schedule an appointment, please call 212/690-0303.

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