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## **Dr. Rampp elected president of Society of Hospital Medicine**

Dr. Randal Rampp, director of the Hospitalist Program at River Park Hospital, was recently nominated and elected to the office of president for the Nashville and Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Society of Hospital Medicine. This organization is comprised of hospitalist physicians from major teaching institutions to rural providers throughout Middle Tennessee.

Dr. Rampp accepted his new role as president April 24 during a reception held at Ruth's Chris Steak House in Nashville, attended by physicians from all over the Middle Tennessee area. Dr. Rampp says of his new title, "It is a privilege and an honor to accept this position. I am so fortunate to have the help of Dr. Stephen Embry of St. Thomas, and Dr. Kimberly Bell of Centennial Medical Center, to assist me in the growth and further development of our chapter. The importance of this honor locally is that River Park Hospital's Hospitalist Program is being recognized by larger centers, such as St. Thomas Hospital, Centennial Medical Center, Baptist Hospital, and Middle Tennessee Medical Center, as a leader in the specialty of Hospital Medicine."

The Society of Hospital Medicine (SHM) is the premier organization developed specifically to support and enhance the practice of hospitalists and the patients they serve. With over 40 chapters and a membership of approximately 7,000 nationwide, SHM is established as the leading national voice and resource for hospitalists and is dedicated to enhancing the practice of hospital medicine and the delivery of quality care for all hospitalized patients.

Dr. Rampp completed his undergraduate work at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, La., received his medical degree from Louisiana State University Medical School in New Orleans, and completed his internal medicine residency at the Ochsner Medical Foundation. He moved to McMinnville in 1995 and was in private practice with McMinnville Medical Associates until joining River Park Hospital as Chief Medical Officer and Director of the River Park Hospitalist Program in early 2006.

Hospitalists are physicians who specialize in the field of inpatient medicine.

The program utilizes physicians who work full-time at the hospital to provide around-the-clock care for patients. The Hospitalist Program decreases the length of time in the hospital and allows the outpatient physician time to focus on their outpatient practice. For further information regarding the River Park Hospitalist Program, call 815-4339.

