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Prevea Health Welcomes Dr. Francisco Soto and Pulmonary Department in Sheboygan

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GREEN BAY, Wis. —*October 29, 2009*—Prevea Health is proud to introduce the Sheboygan Pulmonary Medicine regional health center, located at 1621 N. Taylor Drive, Suite 200. Francisco Soto, MD, MS, will be caring for patients in the new department. He will be working in conjunction with Philip M. De Trana, MD, a well-respected and established pulmonologist in the area. Both are excited to be working together in this new capacity and to be able to offer patients the best in pulmonary care.

In addition to his expertise in all areas of general pulmonology, sleep and critical care, Dr. Soto is also a specialist in Pulmonary Hypertension and dyspnea (breathlessness) of unclear origin. He brings many years of experience and expertise to the new Sheboygan Prevea Pulmonary Department. He attended medical school at the Universidad del Valle in Cali, Colombia and completed his residency at the University of Illinois in Chicago. He was Chief Resident at Cook County Hospital in Chicago for a year before going to Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, where he completed a fellowship in Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine. Dr. Soto taught Pulmonary and Critical Care courses at Baylor, as well as at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, where he earned his Masters of Science in Epidemiology. Dr. Soto is Board Certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in both Pulmonary Diseases and in Critical Care Medicine. He is also Board Certified by the American Board of Sleep Medicine. He has participated in several national and international research trials and has a leading role in ongoing multicenter studies. He also occupies leadership positions at both the American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP) and the Pulmonary Hypertension Association (PHA) where he is an associate editor of its journal *Advances in Pulmonary Hypertension*.

Dr. Soto was elected by his peers for inclusion in Best Doctors in America® from 2009 to 2010. Compiled by Boston-based Best Doctors, Inc., the Best Doctors in America® database is the result of an exhaustive survey of more than 45,000 physicians in the United States. Only those doctors recognized to be in the top 3-5% of their specialty earn the honor of being named one of the Best Doctors in America®. Doctors cannot pay to be included in the database and are not paid to complete the survey. The only way to be recognized as one of the Best Doctors in America® is for a doctor to earn high marks for clinical ability from his or her peers. This is the second time Dr. Soto has earned this prestigious honor.

Prevea Health's mission is to take care of people with passion, pride, and respect. Founded in 1996, Prevea Health partners with St. Mary's and St. Vincent Hospitals in Green Bay, and St. Nicholas Hospital in Sheboygan to provide access to more than 200 providers in over 50 specialty areas. Prevea's 18 locations are throughout metropolitan Green Bay and in Marinette, Oconto, Plymouth, Pulaski, Seymour, Sheboygan and Sturgeon Bay. Visit www.prevea.com for more information.

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