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# Physician leadership moves

## JPS appoints leaders of medical staff, new practice group

**Fort Worth, Aug. 9, 2016** — JPS Health Network is pleased to announce Dr. James Johnson has been named president of the Acclaim Physician Group.

“I feel humbled and blessed to be selected to this leadership role, which will allow me to have a significant and lasting influence on the partnership between Acclaim and JPS to make lives better for our patients and their families,” said Johnson, who has served as chair of the JPS Health Network Department of Anesthesiology since 2010, under contract with Sheridan Healthcare.

Acclaim is the new unified practice group created to align contracted physicians with the mission, vision and strategic goals of JPS Health Network while ensuring a culture of accountability, transparency, quality and performance improvement.

Johnson served as Regional Medical Director for Sheridan, responsible for anesthesiology strategic development and clinical operations management in the Texas, Arkansas, Missouri and parts of Louisiana. As president of the JPS Health Network Medical Staff, he was responsible for medical staff coordination within the network’s county-wide integrated delivery system of primary, specialty and school-based health centers as well as John Peter Smith Hospital.

Johnson stepped down from those duties to assume the physician leadership position for Acclaim. Dr. Daniel Ziegler is serving as president of the JPS Medical Staff, effective Aug. 1.

“Dr. Johnson is well respected and trusted not only by his medical colleagues but by JPS leadership and administration,” said Charlie Powell, a member of the Tarrant County Hospital District Board of Managers and chair of the Acclaim Executive Committee, which approved Johnson’s recommendation made after a national search by the Acclaim President Search Committee, chaired by Dr. Alan Podawiltz. “He will play a crucial role in strengthening the partnership between the providers and JPS.”

Dr. Johnson received his medical degree from Texas A&M University in College Station. He completed his internship in Transitional Medicine and residency in Anesthesiology from the San Antonio Uniformed Services

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Health Education Consortium and was an active duty U.S. Air Force officer. After residency, Dr. Johnson held several military leadership positions in the USAF, including interim vice-chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology and director of Resident Education at Wilford Hall Medical Center/Brooke Army Medical Center at Lackland AFB, San Antonio.

In addition, Dr. Johnson deployed in medical support on several military missions including Operation Enduring Freedom in Kandahar, Afghanistan; Operation Iraqi Freedom in Baghdad and Balad, Iraq; and the Hurricane Katrina Evacuation in New Orleans. Dr. Johnson holds multiple honors from his active military service including Air Force Commendation and Achievement medals, Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service medals and National Defense Service Medal.

After his military service, Johnson entered private practice in 2006 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview, followed by Plaza Anesthesia Group, PLLC in San Antonio. Prior to joining Sheridan in 2010, Johnson was a civilian military contractor at Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio and served as the Anesthesiology Residency director.

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