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**DR. RUSSELL YANG NAMED MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF  
GASTROENTEROLOGY SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL**

SPRINGFIELD – St. John's Hospital has appointed Russell Yang, MD, PhD, as Medical Director of Gastroenterology Services. Dr. Yang serves as Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at Southern Illinois University (SIU) School of Medicine.

Dr. Yang will direct hospital services that focus on the treatment and diagnosis of digestive problems such as heartburn, ulcers, liver and pancreas disorders, as well as management of gastrointestinal cancers.

Since joining SIU School of Medicine last year, Dr. Yang has introduced new procedures such as endoscopic ultrasonography to the community and utilized advanced technologies to treat common ailments such as gastroesophageal reflux disease.

Dr. Yang previously served on the faculty at the Keck School of Medicine of University of Southern California (USC), Los Angeles and served as director of its Center for Pancreatic and Biliary Diseases.

Dr. Yang completed a one-year fellowship in gastroenterology at USC and a two-year fellowship in gastroenterology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. He completed his internal medicine residency at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N.C. He earned his medical degree at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and his doctoral degree in biochemistry and metabolism at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge.

Dr. Yang is board certified in internal medicine and gastroenterology. He is a member of the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, the American College of Physicians, the American College of Gastroenterology and the American Gastrointestinal Association and serves on several scientific committees for these organizations. He has published more than 50 journal articles, book chapters and scientific abstracts.

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