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## VETERAN HOSPITAL OPERATIONS EXECUTIVE JOINS SIGNATURE

*-- Patterson brings track record honed at Republic, Champion and in consulting --*

**Houston, TX** – Ronald R. Patterson has joined Signature Hospital Corp. as Senior Vice President of Hospital Operations, company officials announced today.

Mr. Patterson's career spans over three decades in both the not for profit and investor owned sectors. Beginning with the University of Texas Medical Branch Hospitals at Galveston, Texas, Mr. Patterson served in increasingly responsible operational management positions with Hospital Affiliates, Inc., Republic Healthcare Corp., Champion Healthcare Corporation and Paracelsus Healthcare Corporation. At both Champion and Paracelsus, Mr. Patterson served as Chief Operating Officer and oversaw striking margin improvements while also being involved in development activity and the building of a new management organization.

Since mid-1999, he has been president of R. Patterson Associates Inc., a management consulting and executive coaching firm. The venture was his second in consulting.

"I've had the pleasure of working with Ron for many years. He has a proven track record of experience and I and have tremendous respect for and confidence in his operational expertise and savvy," said Charles R. Miller, president and CEO of Signature. "His addition to Signature's executive team will greatly enhance our management depth and ensure that we are providing the best possible support to our hospitals."

In his role, Patterson will oversee all aspects of day-to-day operations at Signature's four hospitals and provide strategic direction and feedback on broader operational initiatives.

"I'm excited to again have the chance to work with Charles Miller and several other Signature executives," said Patterson. "Signature's focus on patient safety, technology and quality improvement is setting the industry standard and I'm glad to be able to make a contribution to the cause."

### About Signature

Based in Houston, Texas, Signature Hospital Corp. is a privately held company founded in 2005 that is dedicated to providing affordable, state-of-the-art medical services to communities in which it owns and operates hospitals. Anchored by a strong commitment to patient safety, backed by proprietary technology for measuring and improving quality in its hospitals, Signature presently owns and operates four hospitals: 115-licensed bed Pampa Regional Medical Center in Pampa, Texas; 161-licensed bed Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton, Texas; 79-licensed bed Medical Park Hospital in Hope, Ark.; and 325-licensed bed St. Joseph's Hospital, in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Signature's board and management team boast more than two centuries of combined experience in healthcare management and finance. Signature's financial partner is Goldman Sachs, the nation's premier investment banking firm. For more information on Signature, please visit [www.signaturehospital.com](http://www.signaturehospital.com).

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