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### **UCSF Chief Medical Officer Joins Board of Hill Physicians Medical Group**

SAN RAMON, CA (January 28, 2010) – Hill Physicians Medical Group welcomed Joshua S. Adler, M.D., chief medical officer of UCSF Medical Center and UCSF Children's Hospital, to its board of directors at a January 28, 2010 meeting. Dr. Adler joins in an appointee--ex officio capacity.

“We’re delighted to welcome Dr. Adler to the board of Hill Physicians,” says CEO Steve McDermott. “He brings to us an excellent clinical reputation and broad experience in care coordination, research, electronic medical records and clinical quality.”

At UCSF, Dr. Adler oversees the quality, safety, and effectiveness of medical care. He also oversees care coordination, clinical resource management, compliance, medical staff affairs, quality assurance and risk management. Prior to becoming UCSF’s Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Adler served for seven years as the Medical Director of Ambulatory Care, overseeing 95 ambulatory care practices. He is a practicing internist and a professor of clinical medicine at UCSF, and directs the UCSF Pathways to Discovery Program, which fosters scientific, leadership and advocacy skills among all UCSF trainees.

Dr. Adler earned a medical degree at UC San Diego Medical School and completed a residency in internal medicine at UC San Francisco, followed by a chief resident year at the San Francisco Veteran Affairs Medical Center. In the VA system, he served as Assistant Chief of Medicine, Assistant Chief of Staff and Chief Medical Officer of the six-hospital Sierra Pacific VA Network. At the San Francisco VA, he directed the implementation of an electronic medical information system.

Hill Physicians’ board of directors is comprised of physicians from various fields of primary care and specialty fields across Northern California. Dr. Adler is the first UCSF physician to serve on the board.

#### **About Hill Physicians Medical Group**

Hill Physicians Medical Group is one of the nation’s largest independent physician associations (IPAs) and a recognized leader in innovative health care. The Standards of Excellence Program of the California Association of Physician Groups recognizes Hill Physicians as a state-wide leader in patient-centered care, care management practices, health information technology, accountability and transparency. Committed to serving healthy lifestyles, Hill Physicians Medical Group offers extensive health education services to its patients, including wellness classes, health screenings, and self-help through its online information portal at [www.HillPhysicians.com](http://www.HillPhysicians.com).

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