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**Looking Ahead: PIMG Shareholders to Meet**  
*Leading Bay Area Physician Groups in Discussions*

BRISBANE AND SAN RAMON, CA (March 15, 2010) -- Physicians Integrated Medical Group (PIMG), a Brisbane-based independent physician association has announced plans to pursue a relationship with Hill Physicians Medical Group. The announcement was made in a letter last week to PIMG shareholders, following the unanimous recommendation by PIMG's Board of Directors. The proposal calls for PIMG to suspend operations in mid-2010, enabling a smooth transition of physicians and members.

"This orderly transition will enable each of our patients the opportunity to remain with their primary care physician and positions our physicians to realize the benefits that come with being part of a nationally recognized, geographically broad medical group," says James K. Rodriguez, CEO of PIMG. "I believe it is likely that most of PIMG's primary care and specialty physicians will make the move to Hill Physicians Medical Group." Approximately one-third of PIMG physicians already have a medical group affiliation with Hill. "It's a natural expansion with a group that our physicians and management team hold in high regard," added Rodriguez.

Hill Physicians Medical Group is a recognized leader for technology, patient-centered care, transparency and accountability. It is the largest independent physician association in Northern California, serving approximately 300,000 members.

On January 1, 2010, the doctors of UCSF Medical Group affiliated with Hill Physicians, producing a strong working agreement between one of the nation's leading medical centers and the area's leading independent physician association. Since that time many more of the doctors affiliated with St. Mary's Medical Center and Saint Francis Memorial Hospital also have joined Hill Physicians. Once the transition is completed, most PIMG physicians would be in the same regional structure with UCSF, St. Mary's and Saint Francis, creating a strong network among independent physicians, community hospitals and a leading academic hospital.

"We have developed a strong and collaborative relationship with our colleagues at PIMG," says Dan Robinson, chief administrative officer at Hill Physicians. "We are grateful for the vote of confidence by PIMG's Board of Directors. There will be advantages to PIMG's members and physicians as a result of joining Hill Physicians. However, no further comments will be forthcoming until the final PIMG shareholder vote."



**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).

**About Physicians Integrated Medical Group**

Physicians Integrated Medical Group is a multi-specialty, independent practice association serving San Francisco and San Mateo counties. It was founded in 1995 by a group of San Francisco physicians to treat patients of San Francisco Health Plan and has since grown to add many HMO members. Information about PIMG is available at [www.PIMG-Inc.com](http://www.PIMG-Inc.com).

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