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IHA Appoints Internal Medicine Department Chairman



ANN ARBOR, Mich. – (Dec. 15, 2011) – IHA, the region’s leading physician group practice, is pleased to announce the creation of a new position: the Internal Medicine Department Chair - and the appointment of **Thomas Shehab, MD**, to this new medical leadership role effective January 3, 2012. “Dr. Shehab brings significant training, experience and credentials to this position,” stated Mary Durfee, MD, Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer for IHA

Dr. Shehab is currently a gastroenterologist specializing in liver disease with Huron Gastroenterology, a position he will maintain, but at a reduced commitment level. Among his many other roles, Tom will also serve as the Chief of Staff at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital – Ann Arbor, effective January 1, 2012.

He is a summa cum laude graduate of Bowling Green State University, and then moved on to Wayne State University Medical School where he received his MD degree with high distinction. His internship and internal medicine residency were completed at the University of Michigan Medical Center where he served as chief resident in internal medicine. Dr. Shehab then took advanced training, completing his gastroenterology fellowship also at the University of

Michigan. He has been on the medical staff at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital – Ann Arbor since 2002. Dr. Shehab’s interest in leadership led him to go on for further training at Carnegie Mellon University where he received his Master’s degree in Medical Management.

The IHA Internal Medicine Department Chair will have principal responsibility for overseeing the clinical and professional aspects of the rapidly expanding divisions within the IHA Internal Medicine Department. These divisions currently include: General Internal Medicine, Hospital Medicine, Cardiology, Neurology, and Hematology-Oncology. These responsibilities are likely to grow in the future and Dr. Shehab will also play a key role in these integration and transformation efforts

“The IHA Governing Board enthusiastically supports Dr. Shehab and believes the experience and enthusiasm he brings to this key new leadership position will be critical in assuring the success of the Department and will continue to help IHA in providing high quality, accessible, coordinated care,” added Dr. Durfee.

About IHA

IHA is one of the largest, fully integrated multi-specialty groups in southeast Michigan. IHA employs more than 1,000 physicians, nurses and support staff, including more than 180 doctors and 45 nurse practitioners across 32 practices in southeastern Michigan. IHA provides high quality medical care and excellent service to more than 263,000 patients. Recognized as one of Michigan’s top performing medical groups, IHA also ranks among the top groups for patient satisfaction nationally. Offering extended office hours, After Hours Care, and access to clinical research studies, IHA demonstrates that it cares by bringing safe, high quality, comprehensive and affordable care to its patients. For more information about IHA, visit www.ihacares.com.

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