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**St. Alexius Medical Center's DuWayne Schlittenhard
Appointed to HIBCC Board**

PHOENIX, AZ (October 28, 2009)—DuWayne Schlittenhard, Vice President, Heart/Vascular & Professional Services for St. Alexius Medical Center, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Health Industry Business Communications Council (HIBCC). The announcement was made by HIBCC President, Robert Hankin.

Schlittenhard has been a Vice President at St. Alexius Medical Center since 1999. He oversees the following departments: the Heart & Vascular Center including the Cath Lab and Interventional Radiology, Respiratory Care, Radiology, Laboratory, Pharmacy, Rehabilitation Services, Anesthesia and the Heart and Lung Clinic, which includes Cardiology, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Allergy and Pulmonology.

Prior to his role at St. Alexius Medical Center, Schlittenhard was the Chief Operating Officer at PRACS Institute Ltd and the Director of Pharmacy at MeritCare Health System. Schlittenhard will represent the American Hospital Association (AHA) on the HIBCC Board.

Michael Guerin of AHA notified HIBCC that “the Board of Trustees of the American Hospital Association has appointed the following individual [DuWayne Schlittenhard] as AHA’s representative to the Health Industry Business Communications Council for a term effective immediately...”

HIBCC is an industry-sponsored, non-profit standards development organization (SDO) that maintains labeling standards for hospitals and their suppliers. It was founded in 1983 and has been accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

HIBCC's bar code labeling standards are accredited by both ANSI and the European Committee for Standardization (CEN). The HIBCC mission is to facilitate electronic commerce by developing appropriate standards for information exchange among healthcare trading partners. This mission is extended globally via IHIBCC, a network of HIBCC offices located throughout the world.

Additional information regarding the HIBCC organization can be accessed from the HIBCC web site at: www.hibcc.org

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