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NEWS RELEASE

FRED ROTHSTEIN, M.D., TO CHAIR AHA'S METROPOLITAN HOSPITALS GOVERNING COUNCIL

WASHINGTON – January 17, 2012 – Fred Rothstein, M.D., president of University Hospitals Case Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio, will lead the American Hospital Association's (AHA) Section for Metropolitan Hospitals as chair of its 24-member governing council for 2012. The section is a forum for suburban and urban hospitals to discuss common interests and concerns and to participate in the AHA policy process.

Dr. Rothstein was appointed president of University Hospitals Case Medical Center in March 2003, when it was then known as University Hospitals of Cleveland, after serving from June 2002 to March 2003 as acting President and CEO of University Hospitals Health System. Under his leadership, the academic medical center established a 50-year primary affiliation with Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. University Hospitals (UH) Case Medical Center is home to some of the most prestigious clinical research centers of excellence in the nation, including the internationally celebrated UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, UH MacDonald Women's Hospital, Ohio's only hospital for women; and UH Seidman Cancer Center.

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Dr. Rothstein first joined University Hospitals Health System in November 1996 as senior vice president for clinical integration and was responsible for developing new models to integrate clinical care and coordinate physician relationships across the system's hospitals, outpatient centers and physician offices. Additionally, he helped develop specialty centers at outpatient facilities, allowing patients to access services closer to home. He is a professor of Pediatrics at Case Western Reserve School of Medicine and a gastroenterologist at Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital.

In addition to his professional work, Dr. Rothstein is a member of professional societies and committees, including the American Gastroenterological Association, the North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition, Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America and the American College of Physician Executives. He serves on numerous boards and committees including University Hospitals, University Hospitals Case Medical Center, Cleveland Play House Square, Ohio Hospital Association Task Force Committees, Healthcare Institute Ops Committee and Mallory Wilson Center for Healthcare Education at Miami University, and has served as co-chair of the Cleveland Healthcare Cabinet for United Way.

Dr. Rothstein attended Miami University in Oxford, Ohio where he received his bachelor of arts and received his M.D. from Chicago Medical School University Health Sciences/Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in Chicago. He did his residency and fellowship training at Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital and then joined the faculty, eventually being appointed to chief of pediatric gastroenterology.

Douglas Duchak, president and CEO of Englewood Hospital and Medical Center in Englewood, N.J. is this year's chair-elect and will assume the role of chairman in 2013.

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Mark Gavens, chief operating officer and senior vice president for Clinical Care Services at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, is immediate past chair.

New members elected to serve for three-year terms beginning January 1, 2012, are:

- **Norman Gruber**, president and CEO, Salem Health, Salem, Ore.
- **Pat Komoroski**, Ph.D., president, SSM DePaul Health Center, Bridgeton, Mo.
- **Guillermo Martin**, president and CEO, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, Ponce, Puerto Rico
- **Michael Sack**, president and CEO, Hallmark Health System, Melrose, Mass.;
- **K. Scott Wester**, president and CEO, Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, Baton Rouge, La.
- **Patty White**, president and CEO, Chandler Regional Medical Center, Chandler, Ariz.

Appointed to the section to serve until December 31, 2013 is **Chad Wable**, president and CEO, St. Mary's Health System, Waterbury, Conn.

The Metropolitan governing council advises the AHA on federal policy issues. For more information please go to <http://www.aha.org/aha/member-center/constituency-sections/Metropolitan/index.html>.

About the AHA's Section for Metropolitan Hospitals

The AHA's Section for Metropolitan Hospitals provides representation; advocacy and educational opportunities to help the nation's suburban and urban hospitals better serve the health needs of patients and communities. The AHA is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations and individuals that are committed to the health improvement of their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which includes 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks, other providers of care and 37,000 individual members. Founded in 1898, the AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends. For more information, visit the AHA Web site at www.aha.org.

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