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2014 St. Louis Cardinals Medical Staff To Be Provided By Mercy

Multi-Specialist Model to Team Care Emphasizes Innovation & Cutting Edge Treatment Under Seamless Single Care Umbrella

ST. LOUIS, MO (March 18, 2014) -- The St. Louis Cardinals and the team's official medical provider Mercy today announced some changes in the Cardinals' medical staff. Dr. George Paletta and Dr. Lyndon Gross will no longer provide medical services to the team as the Cardinals will fully engage a team of Mercy Sports Medicine physicians to provide comprehensive player care.

The Mercy Sports Medicine model is a multi-specialist approach to team care that emphasizes innovation and cutting edge treatment under a seamless, single care umbrella.

"The Mercy Sports Medicine model allows us to improve the level of innovative care available to our team by tapping into a remarkable team of physicians who are leaders in sports medicine," said John Mozeliak, Sr. VP & General Manager of the St. Louis Cardinals. "The biggest change I see with the approach is that it is truly *a team* model – a model that leverages the strengths of multiple physicians within the Mercy Sports Medicine group. This is a strategic plan that will handle our short-term needs, but also focus on long-term goals."

"While we move to this new model, we want to express our sincere gratitude to Dr. Paletta and Dr. Gross for the outstanding care they have provided our players over the years," Mozeliak said.

"We are proud to offer top-flight, coordinated medical care for the Cardinals, just as Mercy Sports Medicine does for other professional teams and weekend athletes," said Donn Sorensen, Mercy Regional President. "To know that we can contribute to putting a championship team on the field is very humbling and gratifying."

The Mercy Sports Medicine team supporting the Cardinals includes orthopedic surgeon Michael J. Milne, MD, who is board certified and fellowship trained in shoulder and knee surgery. The Cardinals' lead internist will be Mercy Clinic physician Jason Hand, MD. Mercy Clinic Sports Medicine physician Brian Mahaffey, MD, will serve as primary care, sports medicine and minor league liaison.

Other members of the Cardinals' Mercy medical team include orthopedic surgeon David King, MD; orthopedic surgeon Timothy Farley, MD; orthopedic surgeon Jason Browdy, MD; independent concussion specialist Brandon Larkin, MD, and injury and performance specialist Clayton Skaggs, DC.

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As the Official Medical Provider for the St. Louis Cardinals organization, Mercy also provides care for the Cardinals' minor league teams, with on-site care for the AA team in Springfield, Mo. Players with the AAA club in Memphis, Tenn., and A-ball programs in three other cities will have any necessary surgeries performed at Mercy Hospital St. Louis. The Mercy medical team is also available to provide second opinions on these players.

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