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Planetree Announces Nationwide Release of New Book
Pioneers of Patient-Centered Care Share Expertise in
Putting Patients First, Second Edition

Derby, CT, January 5, 2008—Although the term patient-centered care has become a buzzword used in virtually every article and discussion regarding health care quality, very few health care providers truly embrace the philosophy. In an effort to provide a comprehensive overview of the key components of patient-centered care and illustrative examples, Planetree, an organization that founded patient-centered care 30 years ago, has announced the nationwide release of a new book, **Putting Patients First, Second Edition**. Published by Jossey-Bass, the book is available in stores and online at www.josseybass.com.

[Planetree](http://www.planetree.org) is not-for-profit organization that partners with healthcare providers around the globe to advance patient-centered approaches to care. With its model of patient-centered care being implemented in a growing community of acute care hospitals, continuing care facilities, outpatient clinics and consumer health libraries across North America and abroad, Planetree is demonstrating that patient-centered care is not only an empowering philosophy, but a viable, vital and cost-effective model of care.

The new edition includes significant new content with information on foundations of patient care practice, new case studies, key points at the beginning of each chapter that identify the learning objectives of the material, along with chapter summaries at their conclusion. In addition, key terms essential to the understanding of the concepts will be identified and defined. The case studies will also present “real life” scenarios that can serve as opportunities for discussion.

The book’s co-editors, Planetree President Susan B. Frampton, Ph.D., and Griffin Hospital President and Chief Executive Officer Patrick A. Charmel, have brought together the best minds in patient-centered care as chapter authors who lend their expertise about shaping attitudes and systems. Frampton, who was recently appointed to the Joint Commission’s Expert Advisory Panel to guide the process of drafting culturally competent patient-centered care standards for the nation’s hospitals, opens the book discussing the current landscape of the health care industry and its impact on implementing patient-centered care. The 15 chapters address a range of topics, including integration of complementary and alternative therapies, the business case for patient-

centered care, spiritual and cultural diversity, the physician-patient relationship, public policy, integrating quality and safety, implementation in diverse settings and breaking down the barriers to patient-centered care.

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