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Leading Hospice Provider Celebrates National Doctor's Day
Physicians oversee care provided to 1,300 individuals every day

FALLS CHURCH, VA (March 30, 2017) -- Capital Caring, the largest and oldest hospice provider in the mid-Atlantic region, is proud to recognize and celebrate the contributions of its medical staff today, National Doctor's Day. Comprised of more than 20 physicians and nurse practitioners, Capital Caring's on-staff medical staff is the largest and most experienced team of medical professionals amongst all regional hospice providers; each of these professionals are dedicated to helping Capital Caring achieve its mission to simply improve care.

"Since our founding by a physician in Northern Virginia 40 years ago, Capital Caring's dedication to providing world-class medical care to those facing end-of-life issues has remained steadfast," said Malene Davis, President and CEO. "Many of our medical staff are board-certified in hospice and palliative care, demonstrating their personal and professional commitment to ensuring they are able to address what matters most to each of the moms, dads, and kids who entrust us to provide their care during especially stressful times."

Capital Caring's physicians partner with nurses, nursing aides, social workers, counselors, and nearly 1,000 community volunteers throughout a service area that covers Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington, DC. Further, with Capital Caring serving as the administrative home of the Virginia POST (Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment), its physicians are instrumental in converting patient wishes into actionable medical orders for those facing terminal medical conditions, going one step further than a simple advance directive. "These are

conversations we've always had with our patients, but we didn't have a standardized way to document the outcomes of the discussion," said Dr. Matt Kestenbaum, Capital Caring's Medical Director. "The POST program and form has allowed us to put some structure in place to what we have been doing for decades, ultimately giving us even greater ability to respect what matters most to each person under our care."

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About Capital Caring: Since 1977, Capital Caring has simply improved care for those facing life-limiting illness through direct support of patients and their families, public education and advocacy. Since its inception, Capital Caring has provided hospice, palliative care, and counseling to more than 100,000 patients and their families. Nearly 800 employees and 1,000 volunteers provide these services to nearly 1,300 patients each day. As one of the nation's oldest and largest non-profit providers of hospice and palliative care, Capital Caring is proud to provide nearly \$3 million in charitable care to families in need annually. To learn more about Capital Caring, visit www.capitalcaring.org or call 800-869-2136.