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**ROBERT F. PROVENCHER, JR., DDS RECEIVES  
GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD IN MEDICINE & HEALING**



**Manchester** --- Robert F. Provencher, Jr., DDS, Medical Director of Elliot Hospital's Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Center has been awarded the 2011 Good Samaritan Award for Medicine and Healing from the Pastoral Counseling Services, Inc. of Manchester at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Good Samaritan's Award Banquet. Recipients for this prestigious community award are recognized for their selfless contributions to others and for over 35 years, Dr. Provencher has pursued his passion selflessly providing the community with the highest quality oral maxillofacial surgical care.

"We are so proud of this recognition for Dr. Provencher," said Doug Dean, President & CEO. "He is most deserving of this honor given the years of dedication, skill, and passion that he shares with his patients. He is also highly regarded by his colleagues," added Dean.

Dr. Provencher is a graduate of Fairleigh Dickenson University School in Teaneck, NJ where he earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree and completed his Internship at the U.S. Naval Hospital, St. Albans, NY. He later completed his residency at the U.S. Naval Regional Medical Center in Oakland, CA. At the time of his honorable discharge, he held the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He served as Staff Clinical Instructor at Harvard School of Dental Medicine, and worked in private practice. Dr. Provencher has been a member of the staff at the Elliot Hospital since November, 1976 and has served on the Board of Trustees as a representative of the Medical Staff elected by his peers. In 2006, Dr. Provencher left private practice to help establish the Elliot Oral Maxillofacial Surgery (OMS) Center. Since November 2010, he has held the position of Clinical Instructor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. In this capacity, he instructs and oversees post graduate dental resident students from Tufts who are in rotation at the Elliot Hospital's OMS Center.

Dr. Provencher has held many leadership positions while serving on the active staff of Elliot Hospital, including Medical Staff President, Vice President, Credentials Committee, Medical Executive Committee, Joint Conference, Tumor Board, Infection Control Committee, Performance Enhancement Committee, and Bylaws Committee to name a few. He was the first Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon in the State to be elected President of the Medical Staff of a Community Hospital.

In 2010 Dr. Provencher received the Stephen A. Tzianabos, MD Award for Physician Excellence. This award recognizes Elliot physicians who provide the highest quality care to patients, as well as leadership, guidance, and support for colleagues, while showing a commitment to the community. In 2008, he was the first physician or administrator in the State of New Hampshire to receive the prestigious National Leadership Award presented by the National Association Medical Staff Services (NAMSS) for his support for NAMSS and his leadership relating to the quality, safety and credentialing of Medical Staff Professionals.