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**ELLIOT HEALTH SYSTEM AWARD FOR PHYSICIAN EXCELLENCE GIVEN TO
DR. LAWRENCE HOEPP AND DR. ELIZABETH SOUKUP NAMED PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR**

MANCHESTER, NH: In late March, Elliot Health Systems hosted a Doctors' Day celebration to thank all of its medical staff. The evening concluded with two prestigious honors being announced.

Dr. Lawrence Hoepf was awarded the **Stephen A. Tzianabos, MD Award for Physician Excellence**. This award recognizes the physician who, throughout their career, has been devoted to the growth and development of the Elliot Health System and who has performed outstanding deeds requiring great intellect, refined skill, medical expertise, and collegial collaboration. Dr. Hoepf has provided outstanding leadership and has had touched the lives of thousands of people in the community. His career is marked by integrity and excellence and he serves as a role model for physician leaders.

He is known and lauded for his extraordinary skill as a surgeon, his demand for high quality care by everyone involved in the care of patients and he is respected as a leader who will offer guidance, education and mentorship to physicians, nurses and staff alike. Dr. Hoepf was voted Medical Staff President from January 2013 through December 2016. He also joined the Elliot Health System Board of Directors from 2013 through 2016. His insight has been deemed so valuable to the Board that they have elected Dr. Hoepf as an at large member since January 2017. In these leadership capacities, Dr. Hoepf has been instrumental in strengthening the cooperation between the medical staff, the Board of Directors, Administration and employees. Dr. Hoepf will soon represent physicians at the Regional Healthcare Board of SolutionHealth.

The **2018 Physician of the Year** award was given to pediatric surgeon Dr. Elizabeth Soukup. This award recognizes the physician who, through their current efforts, exhibits leadership in their area of expertise and who has practiced in their chosen area of medicine with exceptional skill and dedication. Dr. Soukup earned her Bachelor of Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and her Doctor of Medicine from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, where she was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honorary Medical Society, and received the Outstanding Achievement Award in Medicine, graduating first in her class. She completed her General Surgery training at the Massachusetts General Hospital and her fellowship in Pediatric Surgery at Children's Hospital Boston.

Dr. Soukup is committed to providing excellence and compassion in leading edge surgical care for children in New Hampshire, striving to keep them close to their families and communities.

