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**Klunk Appointed President of New Hampshire Medical Society**

*Chief Quality Officer for Elliot's Ambulatory Practices is Society's 188<sup>th</sup> Leader*

Manchester, NH—L. John Klunk, MD, has been named president of the New Hampshire Medical Society at the society's Annual Scientific Conference, which was held Saturday in Bretton Woods.

Klunk has practiced internal medicine and pediatrics at Elliot's primary care practices in Raymond for 17 years. As chief quality officer for the health system's ambulatory practices, he has tirelessly worked to assure a system-wide approach to consistent, evidence-based care for thousands of patients in the Manchester community.

He will continue to serve on the medical society's Governing Council and its Legislative Committee.

As president, Klunk plans to focus on complementing the work done in healthcare, which accounts for more than 20 percent of overall health of a given population, by lending more weight to social determinants of health, including education, housing, lifestyle and the environment, all of which have significant impact on health. He will also support and advocate

for fellow physicians in restoring joy in the practice of medicine, an issue compounded by time-consuming requirements for clerical and other non-medical tasks.

A graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Klunk completed a residency in combined internal medicine and pediatrics at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, MA. He holds a degree, *magna cum laude*, in cell biology from Cornell University.

Klunk is board certified in pediatrics and internal medicine.

He resides in Bow with his wife and three children.

*Elliot Health System, a member of SolutionHealth - Elliot Health System is a non-profit organization serving the healthcare needs of the community since 1890. The largest provider of comprehensive healthcare services in Southern New Hampshire, Elliot Hospital, a 296-bed acute care facility and the first community hospital in the state, serves as the cornerstone of the health system. Elliot is home to Manchester's designated Level II Regional Trauma Center, Elliot Breast Health Center, Elliot Urgent Care, a Level 3 Newborn Intensive Care Unit, Elliot Medical Group, Elliot Regional Cancer Center, Elliot Senior Health Center, Visiting Nurse Association of Manchester and Southern New Hampshire, 1-Day Surgery Center, Elliot Memory & Mobility Center, NH Arthritis Center, Elliot Retail Pharmacy, Elliot Medical Centers in Bedford, Londonderry, Hooksett, and The Elliot at River's Edge.*

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*Founded in 1791, the New Hampshire Medical Society is dedicated and committed to advocating for patients, physicians, and the medical profession, as well as health-related rights, responsibilities and issues for the betterment of public health in the Granite State.*

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