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**Galena-Stauss Hospital & Healthcare Center Announces  
Alliance with The University of Illinois Medical Center – Bringing New  
Physicians to Galena as Plans for the Replacement Hospital Progress**

February 1, 2006 - Over the past several months, Galena-Stauss Hospital & Healthcare Center has been working to finalize a new agreement to contract with The University of Illinois Medical Center Emergency Room Physicians Group based out of Chicago. Beginning February 1, 2006, the University of Illinois Medical Center, Department of Emergency Medicine will provide around the clock coverage for urgent care and emergency medicine.

Through the new strategic alliance with a leading Academic Medical Center, six board certified emergency room physicians, two of whom are also board certified in Internal Medicine, will be the sole providers of critical and urgent care for Galena-Stauss' Emergency Department. Trained at one of the largest schools of medicine in the country, The University of Illinois Medical Center Emergency Physicians will also work with area Emergency Management Service agencies, providing them with on-going and comprehensive continuing education and training. For more information about the University of Illinois Medical Center visit [Mymedcenter.org](http://Mymedcenter.org). "We are excited about the community benefits that will be realized by forming an academic/rural partnership with the University of Illinois. Our mutual goal with the University of Illinois is to create an academic/rural model of healthcare delivery for rural hospitals throughout Illinois. The emergency department agreement is the first step in realizing our goal" said Jeff Hill, CEO of the Galena Stauss Hospital & Healthcare Center.

To speak with hospital representatives, the Emergency Physicians Group, or to learn more about the replacement hospital plan, contact Michelle Rathman at 630-377-8101 or 630-865-4439.

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