



NEWS from Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois

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University of Chicago Instructor, Physician Named New Hospice Chief Medical Officer

Michael Marschke, M.D., a clinical instructor at the University of Chicago Medical Center and co-director of its Palliative Medicine Program, has been named Chief Medical Officer for Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois (HPNI). In addition, he will serve as Medical Director for its Pepper Family Hospice Home in Barrington.

"Having the opportunity to work in a free-standing hospice home has been a dream of mine," Dr. Marschke said. Calling himself an aggressive hospice doctor, he explained that he does whatever he can to provide assertive comfort care to his patients, to meet their physical, spiritual and emotional needs.

Dr. Marschke is board certified in internal medicine and palliative care. In addition to his instructional duties at U of C, Dr. Marschke created its palliative care clinic within its oncology department, and has been a member of the department of medicine section of geriatrics and palliative medicine. He is past medical director for Horizon Hospice and Palliative Care in Chicago.

"Dr. Marschke has very impressive skills and experience as a hospice and palliative care physician, as a leader in the healthcare industry, and as an educator," said HPNI CEO Cindy Musikantow. "I am confident he will be a tremendous asset to the agency."

Dr. Marschke will transition into his new role effective July 1. Among his many goals and objectives in his new position will be to make sure the new 16-bed hospice home runs smoothly. "As soon as I saw this place (the Pepper Family Hospice Home & Center for Care) I knew this is where I'm meant to be right now. It's my dream job."

Considering himself a clinician first and teacher second, Dr. Marschke has been very active in teaching, serving as a clinical instructor at Northwestern University, Columbus Hospital and Resurrection Health Care/St. Joseph's Hospital in Chicago. He is a member of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Care Medicine, the Illinois State Hospice Association and the Chicago End-of-Life Care Coalition, among many other professional societies.

A graduate of Notre Dame University and the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, Dr. Marschke is widely published.

About Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois

Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois is a not-for-profit organization serving families throughout McHenry, Lake, Northwest Cook, Kane, Boone and DuPage counties. Celebrating its 28th year of service, the agency provides comprehensive end-of-life care to nearly 1,400 patient families each year. HPNI is Medicare certified and accredited by the Joint Commission. For information, visit its web site at

www.HospiceAnswers.org.