



O'Connell Joins Patients First Health Care

Washington, MO, June 6, 2010 – Patients First Health Care is pleased to announce that Derrick O'Connell, RN, MBA, has joined the multi-specialty physician group as Chief of Strategic Development. He is located at the company's Washington campus. As Chief of Strategic Development, Mr. O'Connell will focus on the company's medical home initiative and quality measures in relation to national standards.

Derrick O'Connell, an RN and EMT, received a Bachelor of Science in Health Management from Sienna Heights University, Michigan, and a Master of Business Administration degree from DeVry University. O'Connell has been a participating author for the *Journal of Healthcare Quality* and was an adjunct faculty member of Baker College in Michigan.

Prior to joining Patients First, Derrick O'Connell was Project Manager-Provider Performance Improvement for HealthPlus of Michigan in Flint, Michigan. O'Connell is diversely experienced and has a comprehensive background in quality management and project management.

Patients First Health Care, a multi-specialty physician group, offer 71 physicians practicing in 19 specialties in 17 locations throughout east central Missouri.