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**Patients First Health Care  
Observes National Medical Group Practice Week**

Washington, MO, January 21, 2011 - Patients First Health Care observes National Medical Group Practice Week, January 24-28, 2011, by recognizing its medical group physicians, practice managers, staff, communities and patients who help make group practice a collaborative, high-quality and cost-effective form of health care delivery.

National Group Practice Week is intended to advance public and industry awareness of the key benefits that group practices provide to patients and communities and to recognize the professionals who lead and manage these organizations. The awareness week also points out the positive impact medical group practices have on the communities they serve despite uncertainty and economic challenges. Medical group practices are community assets, provide unique models of healthcare delivery, and are valued employers in the communities they serve.

Patients First Health Care is one of the largest privately held multispecialty physician groups in Missouri. The medical group has pioneered information technology advances in health care with its early adoption of electronic health records and e-prescribing. Patients First offers 82 physicians practicing in 20 specialties at 20 locations throughout a five county area. As one of east central Missouri's premier multispecialty groups, Patients First has provided exceptional primary and specialty care since 1998. For more information visit [www.patientsfirsthc.com](http://www.patientsfirsthc.com).

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