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**LINDA J. KNODEL, FACHE, ELECTED TO
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVES
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

CHICAGO, March 8, 2008—Linda J. Knodel, FACHE, senior vice president/CNO, St. Alexius Medical Center, Bismarck, N.D., has been elected to serve on the Board of Governors of the American College of Healthcare Executives, an international professional society of more than 30,000 healthcare executives.

Knodel took office today at the Council of Regents Meeting during ACHE's 51st Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago. She will serve a three-year term representing ACHE affiliates on ACHE's Board of Governors, the authority that oversees ACHE operations and member services.

Knodel was named senior vice president/CNO at St. Alexius Medical Center in 1990. She is responsible for executive organizational responsibilities, setting the overall vision and direction for the division of nursing and physician practices. Knodel also actively participates in organizational strategic planning such as achieving magnet status, patient safety, technology advancement, strategic partnerships and new facilities. She also is accountable for quality, regulatory and accreditation processes. Knodel has coordinated the organizations' 30-member community advisory board and assisted the governing board in the area of corporate policies and bylaws.

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Prior to this, Knodel served St. Alexius Medical Center as director of Quality Review/Risk Management from 1985 to 1990, establishing a medical staff quality review program; director of Acute, Outpatient, Home Dialysis and Apheresis Programs from 1975 to 1985, developing the first satellite hemodialysis units and a home peritoneal dialysis program in North Dakota.

Before being elected an ACHE Governor, Knodel was the ACHE Regent for North Dakota from 1999 to 2003, and served as chapter president of the North Dakota Healthcare Executives Forum. In addition to her service to ACHE, she has been a member of the boards of the American Organization of Nurse Executives; American Hospital Association (Regional Policy Board); North Dakota Catholic Conference; Southwest Region Workforce Training Board for the North Dakota State University System; and Heart and Lung Clinic LLC. In 2007, Knodel received the Senior-Level Healthcare Executive Award from ACHE's Regent for North Dakota.

Board certified in healthcare management as an ACHE Fellow, Knodel received her master's degree in healthcare administration from the University of Minnesota, her master's degree in nursing from University of Mary in Bismarck, N.D. and her bachelor's degree in healthcare administration from St. Joseph's College. She also completed a fellowship from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

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American College of Healthcare Executives

The American College of Healthcare Executives is an international professional society of more than 30,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. ACHE is known for its prestigious credentialing and educational programs and its annual Congress on Healthcare Leadership, which draws more than 4,500 participants each year. ACHE is also known for its journals, the *Journal of Healthcare Management* and *Frontiers of Health Services Management* and its magazine, *Healthcare Executive*, as well as ground-breaking research and career development and public policy programs. ACHE's publishing division, Health Administration Press, is one of the largest publishers of books and journals on all aspects of health services management in addition to textbooks for use in college and university courses. Through such efforts, ACHE works toward its goal of being the premier professional society for healthcare leaders by providing exceptional value to its members.

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