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### **Dr. Keith Lagnese Named Chief Medical Officer, Family Hospice and Palliative Care**

PITTSBURGH – December 4, 2015 – Keith Lagnese, M.D. has been hired as the Chief Medical Officer for Family Hospice and Palliative Care. With a passion and expertise for hospice and end-of-life care in Western Pennsylvania, Lagnese has served as medical director for several Pittsburgh hospices over the last 15 years. He also founded Harmony Hospice and served as its CEO from 2004-2012. From 2012-2015 he served as a national medical director for Hospice Compassus. Throughout this time, he was active in the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO).



“The outstanding hospice physicians and staff at Family Hospice dedicate themselves to providing the gold standard for hospice care in the region, and I am honored to work among them,” said Lagnese. “I have a passion and responsibility to ensure that Family Hospice continues to expand our role in promoting and educating healthcare providers as well as the entire Western Pennsylvania community that we serve. This is an exciting time to be a physician leader in end-of-life care and am grateful to be able to do this in a full-time capacity at Family Hospice.”

From 1998-2013, Lagnese practiced full time internal medicine and geriatrics with the Fatigati-Nalin group and served as medical director for multiple long-term care facilities. He also served in multiple medical staff leadership positions at St. Clair Hospital in Mt. Lebanon, culminating as president of the medical staff from 2012-2013. Most recently, he worked as a primary care physician in Homestead, PA at Community Life.

A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Lagnese is board certified in internal medicine, subspecialty boarded in hospice and palliative medicine, and is a fellow in the American College of Physicians. He has a passion for teaching and continues to provide oversight to many Pitt medical students, residents and fellows..

Dr. Lagnese is a Pittsburgh native who lives in Pittsburgh’s Squirrel Hill neighborhood with his wife and three sons.

#### **About Family Hospice:**

Family Hospice and Palliative Care has been providing compassionate care throughout Western Pennsylvania since 1980. As the area’s largest nonprofit hospice provider, Family Hospice serves nine counties in the region, helping patients make choices about their care, supporting family and friends who are grieving and educating both professionals and the community about end-of-life issues. Through a commitment to quality services, Family Hospice provides a complete continuum of care to patients and families. For more information, visit [FamilyHospicePA.org](http://FamilyHospicePA.org), [www.Facebook.com/FamilyHospicePA](http://www.Facebook.com/FamilyHospicePA) or [Twitter.com/Family Hospice](http://Twitter.com/FamilyHospice).