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Granite appointed chair of new Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and Hospital Dentistry

WILMINGTON, DE (Sept. 23, 2003) -- Edwin L. Granite, D.M.D., has been elected as chairman of the newly renamed Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and Hospital Dentistry, succeeding Robert N. Arm, D.M.D., previously chairman of the Department of Dentistry.

Dr. Granite has been chief of the Section of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery (OMS) at Christiana Care since 1993. He has been the director of the OMS residency program since 1999 and has served on numerous committees, including Christiana Care's Head and Neck Cancer Improvement Team. He is a senior attending oral and maxillofacial surgeon at Christiana Care and is on courtesy staff at the Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children. He has served as OMS consultant to the Veterans Administration Hospital, Delaware State Hospital, Emily P. Bissell Hospital, Kent General Hospital and the University of Delaware.

Dr. Granite earned his degree in dental medicine from Temple University in Philadelphia in 1957. While serving in the Navy at Quantico Marine Corps Base in Virginia, he became interested in specializing beyond general dentistry and later enrolled in a three-year OMS certification program at Jefferson Medical College Hospital in Philadelphia. His training included a one-year didactic program at the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Medicine. He entered private practice in 1962 and became the coordinator and director of Christiana Care's OMS training program in 1965. He also served as chief of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at St. Francis Hospital in Wilmington from 1965-2002 and as the President of the Medical Staff of St. Francis Hospital from 1982-1985.

Christiana Care Health System, which traces its roots back to 1888, is one of the region's largest not-for profit health care providers, serving the people of Delaware as well as neighboring Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. A teaching hospital, Christiana Care is recognized as a regional center for excellence in cardiology, cancer and women's health services, as well as Level-I trauma care and Level-3 neonatal intensive care (both highest intensity). Christiana Care operates two hospitals, long-term and transitional care services and an extensive range of outpatient and home health services. Last year, Christiana Care provided \$42.8 million of charity care.