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## Tracy D'Errico Named Southampton Hospital's Director of Medical Records

Southampton, NY – Southampton Hospital has announced the appointment of Tracy D'Errico as its Director of Medical Records. This new member of Hospital's Administrative Team comes to Southampton from St. John's Episcopal/St. Catherine of Siena Hospital in Smithtown, where she had charge of the Medical Records department for 18 years. "The staff of Southampton Hospital," she says, "has been very welcoming. The physicians and my colleagues have made me feel at home." Along with supervising the Medical Records department, Ms. D'Errico will face the challenge of developing new policies and procedures to ensure the continued availability of quality information for accurate healthcare decision making. "In these electronic times,"

she points out, "we will be putting special emphasis on transitioning to and fully incorporating the latest technologies in computerized and digital recordkeeping."

Ms. D'Errico chose a career in medical records while still a senior in high school and went on to complete her Bachelor of Science in Medical Record Administration at New York's Ithaca College. She was a recipient of the Distinguished Student Award from the NY Health Information Management Association, an organization she subsequently joined to become Public Relations Chair and also delegate and Program Chair for their Annual Conference. She has also been active in the organization's Long Island branch, serving twice as president, and also as treasurer and Activities Chairperson, which included staging their annual education conference.

Immediately following college, she worked in medical records at LaGuardia Hospital in Forest Hills, then Syosset Hospital. She completed work to become a Registered Health Information Management Administrator in 1988.

Ms. D'Errico and her husband, John, reside in Hauppauge.