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MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER NAMES RENOWNED SPORTS HEALTH LEADER, DAMION MARTINS, MD, AS ADMINISTRATIVE MEDICAL DIRECTOR

MAY 2013 – Major League Soccer has appointed Damion Martins, MD, as its Administrative Medical Director. In his new capacity, Dr. Martins will lead the MLS Compliance Committee, and review and develop medical policies, procedures and best practices.

Dr. Martins, board-certified in internal medicine and sports medicine, is a recognized leader in sports performance and exercise testing. He lectures extensively in the field of sports medicine and is renowned for his research in hydration, cardiovascular training programs and concussions.

“We are excited about adding another nationally-recognized doctor to our network of medical specialists” said Evan Dabby, MLS Sr. Director of Supporter Relations & Safety. “We believe Dr. Martins’ leadership and expertise will play an important role advancing sports medicine in MLS.”

Dr. Martins not only brings his professional sports experience from US Open Tennis, NHL and NFL, but also his administrative skills as Director of Orthopedics and Sports Medicine (<http://www.atlantichhealth.org/morristown/our+services/sports+health/>) at Atlantic Health System in New Jersey.

“The sports medicine program he has developed at Atlantic Sports Health is among the most comprehensive in the industry” said Joseph A. Trunfio, President and CEO of Atlantic Health System.

“These are exciting times for Major League Soccer” said Dr. Martins. “I am honored and excited to be part of such a respected and forward-thinking organization. There is tremendous opportunity for us to positively impact the health and wellness of MLS athletes.”

Dr. Martins, who is also the Director of Internal Medicine for the New York Jets and member of the NFL Team Physician Society, has served as the Chief of Internal Medicine for the US Open Tennis Championship and team physician to NHL’s New York Islanders.

As part of Atlantic Health System, the parent company of Morristown, Overlook and Newton Medical Centers and Goryeb Children’s Hospital, the Atlantic Sports Health program offers a wide range of world-class care using a comprehensive approach to injury prevention and treatment. Atlantic Sports Health’s services include acupuncture, chiropractic, concussion evaluation and treatment, nutrition planning, orthopedic surgery, performance improvement, physical therapy and rehabilitation, psychology and sports medicine.

About Atlantic Health System

Atlantic Health System is one of the largest non-profit health care systems in New Jersey, comprised of Morristown Medical Center, Overlook Medical Center in Summit and Newton Medical Center, and Goryeb Children’s Hospital. The three medical centers – all accredited by The Joint Commission – have a combined total of 1,315 licensed beds and 3,123 affiliated physicians

providing a wide array of health care services to the residents of Northern and Central New Jersey. Specialty service areas include advanced cardiovascular care, pediatric medical and surgical specialties, neurology, orthopedics, and sports medicine. Each of these programs has earned top ratings and recognitions in their respective fields. Atlantic Health System is the official health care partner of the New York Jets and an official health care provider of the New Jersey Devils.

Morristown Medical Center's Gagnon Cardiovascular Institute performs more heart surgeries than any other hospital in New York or New Jersey, and is one of 20 facilities across the country to perform catheter-based repair and replacement of valves on both sides of the heart. Atlantic Health System's spine program – where surgeons perform more spine surgery than anywhere else in New Jersey – is one of just 13 hospitals across the country that has received the Gold Seal of Approval™ from The Joint Commission, achieving Disease-Specific Care Certification for cervical and lumbar spine treatments. With the Atlantic Neuroscience Institute based at Overlook Medical Center, the hospital serves as the hub for the New Jersey Stroke Network, and serves about 40 percent of the state's stroke patients. The system's Goryeb Children's Hospital offers more than 100 board-certified physicians in 20 pediatric specialties. Morristown Medical Center is verified as a Level I Regional Trauma Center by the American College of Surgeons and designated a Level II by the state of New Jersey.

Atlantic Health System has been chosen for the past five consecutive years by FORTUNE® as one of the magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work For®." The organization has also been recognized four times by AARP as one of the "Best Employers for Workers over 50." Inside Jersey magazine partnered with Castle Connolly Medical Ltd. and ranked Morristown Medical Center as the No. 1 hospital in New Jersey and the No. 1 hospital for treatment of heart failure and coronary surgery in the state. The survey findings also establish Overlook as No.1 for the treatment of neurological disorders and stroke in NJ. Atlantic Health System is a Major Clinical Research Affiliate with The Cancer Institute of New Jersey and is the primary academic and clinical affiliate in New Jersey of Mount Sinai School of Medicine and The Mount Sinai Hospital.

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