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**Verdugo Hills Hospital Appoints  
New Director of Medical Staff Services**

(GLENDALE, CA – May 3, 2007) – Elane Asaro, CPMSM, has joined the Verdugo Hills Hospital’s dedicated staff as the new Director of Medical Staff Services. Asaro is a certified professional in medical staff management; she has held this certification since 1990.

Elane said she is impressed with the friendly working environment at Verdugo Hills Hospital, and appreciates the hospital’s supportive management team. “The reputation of the hospital is very good, and I like the idea that it is an independent facility with a family-atmosphere,” Asaro said.

During the past four years, Asaro served as Director of Medical Staff Services at Valley Presbyterian Hospital in Van Nuys. Previously, Asaro worked for California-based Searcy Resource Group, Inc, a national medical staff consulting service, and Medical Staff Services, Inc. Asaro has traveled throughout parts of California and Pennsylvania to lend support to various Joint Commission surveys as well as to provide interim management.

Born in West Virginia, Asaro has lived most of her life in the Miami/Ft. Lauderdale area in Florida where she raised her two daughters. Along with them, she moved to California almost 10 years ago and lives in Valencia.

"I'm excited to be here in such a lovely hospital among such pleasant physicians and hospital staff," Asaro said. "My goals are to provide efficient, reliable services for our physicians and to assist the medical staff in the task of continual readiness for regulatory surveys. Any suggestions for improvement in our services are welcome."

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Verdugo Hills Hospital is a 158-bed nonprofit primary care facility nestled in the foothills between Glendale and La Cañada Flintridge. The hospital features all private rooms, 24-hour emergency services, comprehensive inpatient and outpatient diagnostic and treatment facilities, and a family birthing center. It is the only independent, free-standing hospital in the greater Foothills community and was voted “Glendale’s Best Hospital” for 2006 by readers of the *Glendale News-Press*. Several physicians on staff received accolades too. Dr. Jane Wada was voted “Best Dermatologist,” Dr. Jeffrey Nilles “Best Ophthalmologist,” Dr. James Henry “Best Pediatrician,” Dr. Brad Aguirre “Best Podiatrist” and Dr. Samvel Hmayakyan “Best Family Practitioner.” For more information, visit [www.vhhospital.org](http://www.vhhospital.org).

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