

Press Release

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Ewing Bemiss & Co. Announces Geisinger Health System Transaction

Richmond, Virginia — April 24, 2006 *Ewing Bemiss & Co.* is pleased to announce that it served as the exclusive financial advisor to *Geisinger Health System* in raising equity capital to fund the growth of its *Clinical Community Pharmacy* and *Long-Term Care Pharmacy* businesses. These pharmacy businesses will be combined into a new specialty pharmacy company, *SureHealth, Inc.*, which is a joint venture between *Geisinger Health System* and *EDG Partners LLC*. The company's strategic focus is leveraging its unique relationship at the point of care to provide superior clinical service and outcomes for the benefit of its patients, payors and clinical partners. *SureHealth* will pursue a growth strategy focused on expansion through de novo locations and targeted acquisitions that fit the company's differentiated model.

Founded in 1915, *Geisinger Health System* is a \$1.2 billion revenue, not-for-profit health system providing a complete continuum of healthcare to more than two million people in 38 counties in Pennsylvania. The *Geisinger Health System* enjoys national recognition as a model for quality health service delivery and has been listed in "Best Hospitals in America". The System includes a tertiary-care, teaching hospital, an acute-care community hospital, an employed physician practice with approximately 600 doctors and a health maintenance organization with approximately 235,000 members.

Based in Atlanta and Washington, DC, *EDG Partners* is a healthcare-focused private equity group providing growth capital, strategic direction and management resources to companies ranging from \$1 to \$50 million in earnings. In this transaction, *EDG* invested equity capital and is providing interim management to lead *SureHealth* through an accelerated growth plan.

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