



Harris County Hospital District

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MEDIA RELEASE

Retired Major General Named LBJ Hospital Administrator

HOUSTON (Aug. 23, 2006) – Retired U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Lester Martinez-Lopez, M.D., has joined the senior leadership of the Harris County Hospital District as administrator of Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital. Martinez-Lopez, who began Aug. 14, is only the second administrator in LBJ Hospital’s 17-year history.

The highly decorated two-star general comes to HCHD with 31 years of health care experience honed through the military. He is a practicing physician with specialties in family practice and aerospace medicine.

“The Harris County Hospital District has a beautiful mission – you could say it’s a higher calling,” Martinez-Lopez said. “The district is dedicated to taking care of the community, and I support that.”

During his years in the military, Martinez-Lopez oversaw all medical care, technology and research involving Army operations around the world, including major research projects in trauma, infectious diseases and telemedicine. His military career included stays in Afghanistan, Africa, Asia, North and South America, and bases in North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky, Texas, Colorado and Georgia.

Among his proudest military accomplishments was leading the medical care for the U.S. peacekeeping force in Egypt in the early 1980s as part of the Camp David Agreement. The Israeli-Egyptian agreement marked the end of hostilities for the Sinai region.

Martinez-Lopez, a native of Puerto Rico, is married with three grown children.

The Harris County Hospital District is the public health care system for the nation’s third most-populous county. It provides more than 1.1 million health care visits each year to uninsured, underinsured and medically needy residents of Harris County. The Hospital District operates Ben Taub General Hospital, Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital, Quentin Mease Community Hospital, 12 community health centers, a dental center, eight school-based clinics, 13 homeless shelter clinics and four mobile health units.

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