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**St. Clair Hospital Appoints
Andy C. Kiser, M.D., FACS, FACC, FCCP,
as Chief of Cardiac Surgery**

MT. LEBANON, Pa. (January 2, 2019) – St. Clair Hospital has appointed noted heart surgeon and innovator **Andy C. Kiser, M.D., FACS, FACC, FCCP**, as its new Chief of Cardiac Surgery, marking the start of a new era in cardiac surgery at the Hospital.

Dr. Kiser joins St. Clair from the East Carolina Heart Institute, affiliated with the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University, where he served as Chief of Cardiac Surgery and the John Mark Williams Distinguished Professor in Cardiac Surgery. Prior to that, he served as Chief of Cardiac Surgery and the Byah Thomason-Sanford Doxey Distinguished Professor of Surgery at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Kiser is internationally recognized for his expertise in minimally invasive valve and coronary artery surgery, and for pioneering paracardioscopic procedures to treat atrial fibrillation or Afib. Moreover, he is the inventor of a number of medical devices and the founder and CEO of the Advanced Cardiac Access Training Institute, which has provided education and advanced training in surgical skills and procedural simulation to other surgeons across the United States and around the world. Dr. Kiser has authored numerous scientific papers and textbook chapters on cardiothoracic surgery and a wide range of other topics.

“St. Clair Hospital has a tradition of high quality cardiac care,” Dr. Kiser says. “I’m proud to carry on that excellence and advance it.”

Dr. Kiser will be performing cutting-edge, minimally invasive procedures at St. Clair. “A lot of changes are on the horizon in cardiothoracic surgery and I enjoy helping to pave the way for those innovations,” he says.

“Dr. Kiser exemplifies the qualifications we seek in our physicians: complete commitment to patients, superb training, and a track record of clinical excellence,” says St. Clair Hospital Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, John T. Sullivan. “We believe he will be an excellent fit for St. Clair’s culture. We look forward to his leadership among our medical staff and the contributions he will make to the health of our community.”

Dr. Kiser earned his medical degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he also completed a residency in general surgery, as well as fellowships in cardiac and thoracic surgery. Dr. Kiser is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the American College of Cardiology, and the American College of Chest Physicians. He recently earned an MBA degree at the Kenan-Flagler Business School, also part of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Kiser participates with all insurers and will maintain an office in the St. Clair Professional Office Building on the campus of St. Clair Hospital.

About St. Clair Hospital

St. Clair Hospital is a nationally recognized integrated health system with more than 2,500 employees and 600 physicians serving 500,000 residents of southwestern Pennsylvania. In 2016, it became a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. As the region’s largest independent hospital, St. Clair participates with all major insurers.

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