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**Dr. Kent Bottles Named ICSI President**

Bloomington, Minn., June 2, 2008 –Kent Bottles, MD, has been named president of the Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI).

Dr. Bottles is a board-certified pathologist who specialized in surgical and cyto-pathology. He also has extensive experience in integrated healthcare delivery systems, research, academia, commercial laboratories, genomics, proteomics, and management of biotech start-up companies.

“Dr. Bottles’ selection came after an extensive review of a slate of very strong candidates,” said John Allen, MD, MBA, Minnesota Gastroenterology, and chair, ICSI board of directors. “He has unique knowledge about the major economic and quality issues facing medicine today. Plus he will bring an energy and dedication to advancing ICSI issues that will help transform medical care in Minnesota.”

Bottles was vice president and chief medical officer of the 23-hospital Iowa Health System. Prior to that, he served as president and CEO of Grand Rapids Medical Education & Research Center for Health Professions, a multi-institutional consortium of health care organizations, and as president of Genomics Repository and chief knowledge officer, Geonomics Collaborative, Inc. Bottles also has extensive academic experience, including serving as Professor and Acting Head, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Iowa. He was also the founding medical director of managed care plans for University of Iowa employees.

A regular speaker and a prolific author, Bottles has addressed topics ranging from quality and patient safety and disruptive technology to patient-physician relationships and the future of medicine. He has received numerous honors, including the Rodney T. West Literary Achievement Award for the most important article on medical management presented by the American College of Physician Executives.

Bottles earned a medical degree from Case Western Reserve University in Ohio. He has broad clinical experience with the University of Iowa and the San Francisco General Hospital, and has been a national leader in changing the practice of pathology and laboratory medicine to meet the challenges of managed care.

"Health care must rapidly become more patient-centered and value-driven, and ICSI is committed to help lead that transformation in Minnesota," said John Sakowski, ICSI chief operating officer. "We believe Dr. Bottles' view of the future of health care is perfectly aligned with ICSI's, and he will lead our collaborative efforts with medical groups, hospitals, health plans and employers to make that vision reality."

"I am very excited about joining ICSI, which I have admired from afar for many years," said Bottles. "I hope I can continue to provide the kind of leadership that has made ICSI the leading health care collaborative in the region. This is the best time to be involved in health care, and I am confident that ICSI can provide leadership in improving both the quality and value of care delivered to patients."

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The Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement ([www.icsi.org](http://www.icsi.org)) is an independent, non-profit organization that helps its members provide evidence-based, best clinical practices to patients in Minnesota and surrounding states. Founded in 1993, ICSI today is funded by six Minnesota health plans, and is comprised of 58 medical groups representing 9,000 physicians. Its innovative and demonstrated processes enable ICSI to unite diverse stakeholders to collaboratively transform health care into a patient-centered and value-driven system.