

# ***Dr. Michael Portner Awarded Top Honor for Outstanding Leadership***

**PHYSICIAN HONORED WITH 2009 PHYSICIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD FROM  
LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS®**

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**Cleveland, Miss.** (July 2009) – Dr. Michael Portner, Chief of Staff at Bolivar Medical Center in Cleveland, Miss., has been awarded the 2009 Physician Leadership Award by LifePoint Hospitals, a leading hospital company focused on providing healthcare services in non-urban communities in 17 states. Dr. Portner has practiced medicine at Bolivar Medical Center since 1997, and he currently serves as a member of the hospital's Board of Trustees, Medical Executive Committee and the Critical Care Committee.



From left: David Dill, Executive Vice-President and COO, LifePoint Hospitals; Dr. Michael Portner, Physician Leadership Award Recipient; and William F. Carpenter III, President and CEO, LifePoint Hospitals.

“We are proud to honor Dr. Portner for his leadership and compassionate commitment to providing the highest quality care to the families in his community,” said Lanny Copeland, M.D., Chief Medical Officer of LifePoint Hospitals. “LifePoint Hospitals is privileged to work with some of the very best physicians in the country, and Dr. Portner is a model example of a physician dedicated to making our communities healthier.”

In addition to his work as a nephrologist, Dr. Portner is active within his community. He is the voice of the Cleveland Wildcats high school football team and is active in his church and Bible study class. He is actively involved in physician recruiting and is an extraordinary advocate for the hospital within the medical community, the school system and the broader community.

LifePoint Hospitals created the Physician Leadership Award to recognize the important role physicians play in achieving the company's mission and vision. The annual award recognizes an individual physician who lives and exemplifies LifePoint's High Five guiding principles by demonstrating:

- A passionate focus on quality of care
- Effective leadership among fellow physicians
- Respect and appreciation for employees as caregiver partners
- Willingness to be involved in the community
- Commitment to cost effective care

Dr. Portner was recognized at LifePoint Hospitals' annual Senior Leadership Conference on June 17, in Washington D.C.

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