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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Dr. Alastra Initiated into the American College of Surgeons

Healthcare Associates in Medicine, P.C. (HCA) is proud to announce that neurosurgeon **Dr. Anthony J.G. Alastra** is now a **Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (FACS)**. Dr. Alastra was among just 1,640 Initiates from around the world who recently became Fellows during the Convocation ceremony at the College's 2014 annual Clinical Congress in San Francisco.

The **American College of Surgeons** is a scientific and educational organization of surgeons that was founded in 1913 to raise the standards of surgical practice and to improve the quality of care for the surgical patient. The College is dedicated to the ethical and competent practice of surgery. Its achievements have established it as an important advocate for all surgical patients. **The College has more than 79,000 members and is the largest organization of surgeons in the world.**

By meeting the College's stringent membership requirements, Fellows of the College have earned the distinguished right to use the designation of "FACS" (Fellow, American College of Surgeons) after their names. An applicant for Fellowship must have met all of the following requirements: be a graduate of an approved medical school, completed advanced training in one of the 14 surgical specialties recognized by the College, must possess certification by an American surgical specialty board or appropriate certification by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and must have been in practice for at least one year at the time of his or her application. Before admission into Fellowship, the surgeon must further demonstrate ethical fitness and professional proficiency and his or her acceptance as a Fellow of the College must be approved by three-fourths of its Board of Regents.

Dr. Alastra received a medical doctorate in 1997 from **Case Western Reserve University**. He also has a B.A. from John Hopkins University. In 2002 he completed his fellowship at New York University. In 2011, he attained board certification from the **American Board of Neurological Surgery**. He also has memberships with the **American Association of Neurological Surgery**, the **Congress of Neurological Surgery**, the **Society for NeuroInterventional Surgery** and the **North American Spine Society**.

For more information on Dr. Alastra, please contact **Matt Richardson (718-448-3210/ PR@hca-si.com)** or visit **hca-si.com**. For more information on the American College of Surgeons, visit **facs.org**.

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