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**INNOVATIVE E-LEARNING PROGRAM FEATURES TOP HEART SURGEONS**

*Surgeon walks students through a live broadcast of open-heart surgery*

Patroklos Pappas, M.D., of Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, Ill., is among the leading cardiovascular surgeons in the Chicago area and the state. He and his colleagues, cardiovascular surgeons Mark Slaughter, M.D., and Antone Tatooles, M.D., have made Christ Medical one of the nation's leaders in the use of robotic surgery to repair certain components of the heart in adults. In fact, the medical center has achieved among the best clinical results in the world in the use of robotic surgery to correct the heart's mitral valve. As director of the cardiac surgical unit at Christ Medical Center, Dr. Pappas oversees the state-of-the-art intensive care unit designed specifically for open-heart surgery patients.

Dr. Pappas graduated from Northwestern University's medical school, completed his residency at the McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University and is currently a clinical assistant professor of surgery at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is a member of the American College of Surgeons, The Society of Thoracic Surgeons and The Chicago Surgical Society. He has conducted numerous professional and public lectures on advances in cardiac surgery and coronary artery bypass grafting.

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