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Pate Rehabilitation Hosts Texas Representative Ken Paxton

Facility tour offers first-hand look at the benefits of evidence-based treatment for patients recovering from acquired brain injuries

Dallas, TX. - Nov. 21, 2011 - Pate Rehabilitation, delivering evidence-based treatment and support programs for individuals recovering from acquired brain injuries, hosted Texas Representative Ken Paxton, District 70, on a tour of its Brinlee Creek Ranch facility on Friday. Pate executives and clinical leaders met with Rep. Paxton and conducted the tour, which highlighted the challenges faced by these patients during recovery, as well as the critical importance of access to rehabilitation services.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately [1.7 million individuals suffer traumatic brain injuries each year](#). Both private and public insurance coverage for brain injury rehabilitation is currently limited in both scope and access. These limitations often interfere with the individuals' ability to make a full recovery or resume their previous quality of life, which may impact factors ranging from workplace productivity to long-term dependence on public assistance.

"We appreciate this opportunity to meet with Rep. Paxton," says Kent Hayden, president of Pate Rehabilitation. "It provides a welcome opportunity for us to demonstrate the latest in brain injury rehabilitation and share the financial challenges patients face when seeking treatment. While brain injuries are receiving great national attention as of late, the reality is that access to quality care is extremely limited and often not covered by insurance. This must change and we are delighted to bring the issue to the attention of our legislative leadership."

Pate, along with other organizations like the Brain Injury Alliance of Texas, seeks to raise awareness about the need for legislation to improve insurance regulations, such as those governing access to post acute brain injury (PABI) services. In addition, Pate is working to influence policy that will increase coverage of comprehensive rehabilitation services (CRS) and designate funds to those on the CRS waiting list.

Rep. Ken Paxton graduated from Baylor University and was first elected in 2002. He is currently serving as the state representative from District 70, including the communities of Frisco, Allen, McKinney, Celina and Prosper.

About Pate Rehabilitation

Pate Rehabilitation is dedicated to the treatment of individuals with acquired brain injuries, helping them return to the highest quality of life possible. With facilities in Anna, Dallas and Ft. Worth, Texas, Pate Rehabilitation provides personalized, evidence-based neuropsychological, cognitive, occupational, physical and speech therapies to advance and accelerate patient recovery. Recognizing that the impact



of brain injury extends beyond the patient, Pate serves as a compassionate resource for family members, helping them meet the practical and emotional challenges of caring for persons with brain injuries. In addition to therapy, Pate is also the unsurpassed leader in research, advocacy and education to advance understanding in the prevention of, and effective care for, brain injuries. To learn more about Pate Rehabilitation or acquired brain injury and its treatment, please visit www.paterehab.com.

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