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Mountain Health Network Announces New Leadership Appointments



Larry D. Dial Jr., MD, has been named the chief clinical officer for MHN. In his new position, Dr. Dial will guide the delivery of clinically integrated services that align with national best practices in quality and safety. He will also focus on physician integration and the MHC Accountable Care Organization (ACO). Dr. Dial previously served as chief medical officer, Marshall Health, and Vice Dean, Clinical Affairs, Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine (MUJCESOM).

"I am pleased that Dr. Dial will be bringing his proven leadership skills to the Mountain Health team," said Mike Mullins, FACHE, president and CEO, MHN. "Though we have worked together on many different projects in the past, I look forward to working with him even more in his new role with Mountain Health."



Hoyt J. Burdick, MD, has been named chief medical officer, MHN. Dr. Burdick will expand his focus on quality and patient safety, as well as support the medical staff operations at both Cabell Huntington Hospital (CHH) and St. Mary's Medical Center (SMMC). He will also continue to lead the coordination of MHN's response to COVID-19, which he has done since the pandemic began.

"Quality patient care is our number one priority," Mullins said. "Dr. Burdick has outstanding experience and commitment and I'm pleased that he's leading the system's quality journey."

Dr. Dial received his medical degree from MUJCESM, where he also completed his residency. Board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, Dr. Dial will continue to see patients at Marshall Internal Medicine and will continue as an associate professor of medicine with MUJCESOM.

Dr. Burdick received his medical degree and completed his residency and fellowship training at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. He also has a Master of Medical Management from Tulane University. Dr. Burdick practiced Pulmonology and Critical Care Medicine for 10 years with HIMG, working at both SMMC and CHH, and has served as Chief Medical Officer of CHH for over 25 years. Dr. Burdick is a Certified Physician Executive with additional certifications in both Health Care Quality and Patient Safety.

"We are extremely fortunate to have these two outstanding physicians and healthcare executives as part of our leadership team," said Mike Mullins, FACHE, president and CEO, MHN. "Serving in these key roles, they will help us continue to provide quality care to the patients we serve, as well as continue to grow our health system into a regional healthcare destination."

MHN Hospitals Receive Gold Honors for Quality & Safety

Mountain Health Network (MHN) hospitals, Cabell Huntington Hospital (CHH) and St. Mary's Medical Center (SMMC) were recognized by the West Virginia Hospital Association (WVHA) for outstanding work in the Commitment to Excellence Honors Program. CHH and SMMC received Gold Honors.

"We are committed to providing our staff with safe working conditions and appropriate staffing levels that put the quality of care for our patients at the highest level," said Hoyt Burdick, MD, chief medical officer for MHN. "We continually work with and listen to the suggestions from frontline staff on ways to improve and I am proud of our teams for their commitment to excellence."

The West Virginia Hospital Association recognized CHH and SMMC for outstanding work in the following topic areas:

- Antibiotic stewardship
- Patient and family engagement
- Care transitions
- Emergency Department Information Exchange
- Hospital Improvement Innovation Network
- Influenza vaccination
- Opioid stewardship
- WVHA Discharge Data Program

"The WVHA is very proud of our honors program award winners and the commitment to excellence demonstrated by our member hospitals and health systems in serving West Virginians," said Jim

Kaufman, West Virginia Hospital Association president and CEO. The West Virginia Hospital Association (WVHA) is a not-for-profit statewide organization representing 63 hospitals and health systems across the continuum of care. The WVHA supports its members in achieving a strong, healthy West Virginia by providing leadership in healthcare advocacy, education, information and technical assistance, and by being a catalyst for effective change through collaboration, consensus building and a focus on desired outcomes.

Members of the association believe it is essential, in the interest of West Virginia citizens, to have a strong health care system that supports and improves the health status of those people served by our hospitals, as well as the economic condition of the state. West Virginia's hospitals seek to establish and maintain trust among providers, policymakers and the public through actions, sensitivity, professionalism and community-minded commitment to service.

The Commitment to Excellence Honors Program (Honors Program) is a way hospitals can be recognized for the outstanding work they do in pursuit of these goals.

For more information about the West Virginia Hospital Association please visit www.wvha.org.



MHN Hospitals Recognized by healthgrades™



Both CHH and SMMC were recognized as two of Healthgrades 2021 America's 100 Best

Hospitals for Orthopedic Surgery. This marks the third year for CHH and the second year for SMMC to receive this distinction.

These achievements place CHH and SMMC among the top 100 hospitals out of nearly 4,500 evaluated. In addition, CHH is celebrating 14 consecutive years as a 5-star (out of five stars) designated facility for knee replacement surgery. CHH's awards of continued excellence in orthopedics include:

- ONLY hospital in WV to be America's 100 Best for Joint Replacement 10 Years in a Row (2012-2021)
- ONLY hospital in WV to receive Healthgrades Joint Replacement Excellence Award™ for 14 Years in a Row (2008-2021)
- ONLY hospital in WV among the Top 5% in the Nation for Joint Replacement for 11 Years in a Row (2011-2021)
- ONLY hospital in WV Among the Top 10% in the Nation for Joint Replacement for 14 Years in a Row (2008-2021)
- Orthopedic Surgery Excellence Award™ for four years in a row (2018-2021)
- ONLY hospital in WV among the Top 10% in the nation for overall orthopedic services for four years in a row (2018-2021)
- Five-Star Recipient for total hip replacement for four years in a row (2008-2021)
- Among the Top 5% in the nation for Overall Orthopedic Services
- Five-Star Recipient for Spinal Fusion Surgery

Other CHH awards include:

Cardiology

- Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Heart Failure for three years in a row (2019-2021)

Critical Care

- Healthgrades Critical Care Excellence Award™ for two years in a row (2020-2021)
- Named among the Top 10% in the nation for Critical Care for two years in a row (2020-2021)
- Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Sepsis for four years in a row (2018-2021)
- Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Respiratory Failure for six years in a row (2016-2021)

Gastroenterology

- Five-Star Recipient for Colorectal Surgeries for three years in a row (2019-2021)

Labor and Delivery

- Five-Star Recipient for C-Section Delivery for two years in a row (2019-2020)

Neuroscience

- Healthgrades 2021 Neurosciences Excellence Award™
- Healthgrades 2021 Cranial Neurosurgery Excellence Award™
- Healthgrades 2021 Stroke Care Excellence Award™
- Among the Top 5% in the nation for Cranial Neurosurgery for 2021
- Among the Top 10% in the nation for Neurosciences in 2021
- Among the Top 10% in the nation for Treatment of Stroke in 2021
- Among the Top 10% in the nation Cranial Neurosurgery in 2021
- Five-Star Recipient for Cranial Neurosurgery for three years in a row (2019-2021)
- Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Stroke for three years in a row (2019-2021)
- Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Pneumonia

SMMC was also recognized by Healthgrades for orthopedics, cardiology and labor and delivery. These awards include:

Cardiology

- Five-Star Recipient for Defibrillator Procedures

Orthopedics

- America's 100 Best Hospitals Orthopedic Surgery for two years in a row (2020-2021)
- Recipient of the Healthgrades Orthopedic Surgery Excellence Award™ for two years in a row (2020-2021)
- Named Among the Top 5% in the Nation for Overall Orthopedic Services for two years in a row (2020-2021)
- Named Among the Top 10% in the Nation for Overall Orthopedic Services for two years in a row (2020-2021)
- Five-Star Recipient for Total Knee Replacement for two years in a row (2020-2021)
- Five-Star Recipient for Total Hip Replacement for two years in a row (2020-2021)
- Five-Star Recipient for Hip Fracture Treatment for six years in a row (2016-2021)
- Five-Star Recipient for Spinal Fusion Surgery for two years in a row (2020-2021)

Labor and Delivery

- Five-Star Recipient for Vaginal Delivery

These achievements are part of findings released in the *Healthgrades 2021 Report to the Nation*. The new report demonstrates how clinical performance continues to differ dramatically between hospitals nationally, regionally and at the local level, and the impact that this variation may have on health outcomes.

U.S. News & World Report recognizes Mountain Health hospitals in annual rankings

Cabell Huntington Hospital (CHH) and St. Mary's Medical Center (SMMC), members of Mountain Health Network (MHN), have been recognized in the annual Best Hospitals rankings for 2020-21 by *U.S. News & World Report*.

CHH has been recognized as a High Performing Hospital for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and knee replacement. SMMC has been recognized as a Best Hospital in the Metro Valley, as well as a High Performing Hospital for abdominal aortic aneurysm repair, COPD, heart bypass surgery, heart failure and hip replacement.

The annual Best Hospitals rankings and ratings, now in their 31st year, are designed to assist patients and their doctors in making informed decisions about where to receive care for challenging health conditions or for common elective procedures.

"Mountain Health Network is committed to the best possible outcomes for our patients and we appreciate *U.S. News & World Report* for recognizing that commitment," said Hoyt Burdick, MD, chief clinical officer, MHN. "We are extremely proud of our physicians and staff for the hard work they do each and every



day to improve the health and well-being of our community."

For the 2020-21 rankings and ratings, U.S. News evaluated more than 4,500 medical centers nationwide in 16 specialties, 10 procedures and conditions. In the 16 specialty areas, 134 hospitals were ranked in at least one specialty. In rankings by state and metro area, U.S. News recognized best regional hospitals based on high performing rankings across multiple areas of care.

"For more than 30 years, *U.S. News & World Report* has been helping patients, along with the help of their physicians, identify the Best Hospitals in an array of specialties, procedures and conditions," said Ben Harder, managing editor and chief of health analysis at U.S. News. "The hospitals that rise to the top of our rankings and ratings have deep medical expertise, and each has built a track record of delivering good outcomes for patients."

The U.S. News Best Hospitals methodologies in most areas of care are based largely on objective measures such as risk-adjusted survival and discharge-to-home rates, volume, and quality of nursing, among other care-related indicators.

Best Hospitals was produced by U.S. News with RTI International, a leading research organization based in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. The rankings will be published in the Best Hospitals 2021 guidebook, available in stores October 6. For more information about the 2020-21 rankings and ratings, visit <https://health.usnews.com/health-care/best-hospitals/articles/faq-how-and-why-we-rank-and->

MHN Begins Administering COVID-19 Vaccines

On Friday, Dec. 11, the Food and Drug Administration issued an emergency use authorization for a COVID-19 vaccine developed by Pfizer and BioNTech. The State of West Virginia has developed a CDC/ACIP approved state-wide COVID-19 Vaccination Plan. WV Governor Justice further categorized 1-A priorities for healthcare workers beginning with those at greatest risk working in ER/ICU/COVID units. The WV Vaccination Plan outlines the process for distribution and administration in three phases, based upon vaccine availability and public health priorities.

MHN is obligated to follow the WV COVID-19 Vaccination Plan and the Governor's 1-A priorities. Both Cabell Huntington Hospital and St. Mary's Medical Center will receive weekly allotments of vaccine. Initial supplies of the two-dose vaccine are extremely limited and will first be allocated to employees who are at greatest risk of becoming infected from contact with COVID+ patients.

To prepare for future phases, managers have collected department lists of employees who wish to receive the vaccine. All employees who have expressed an interest in being vaccinated will be entered into the Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS) employee portal when supply of vaccine is available for their risk group. VAMS is a secure, web-based tool built to support operations, data collection, and tracking to meet COVID-19 vaccination requirements.



The Army National Guard delivered the first round of the COVID-19 vaccination on Dec. 15, 2020.



Larry Dial, MD, chief clinical officer for Mountain Health Network received one of the first COVID-19 vaccinations on Dec. 15, 2020.

If you expressed interest in receiving the vaccine, you will receive an email from VAMS when you have been selected for immunization. This email will provide a link for scheduling a vaccine clinic appointment. You must register and schedule within VAMS immediately to ensure that you receive the vaccine within the allotted time period, as there is a

limited time for all available doses to be administered. More specific instructions will be provided once you are selected.

All employees who wish to be vaccinated will be offered the opportunity at some point, but it is unknown how long it will take for supply to meet demand. WV DHHR has posted a COVID-19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions document to inform providers and the public in anticipation of activating the WV Plan. You can access it on the Mountain Health website at www.mountainhealthnetwork.org/coronavirus.

Mountain Health Network is pleased to begin providing vaccines and appreciates everyone's patience.

WELCOME NEW PHYSICIANS



Robin Tolbert, DO, - Family Medicine

Medical School: West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine

Residency: Cabell Huntington Hospital



Anthony Dempsey, MD - Cardiac Intensivist

Medical School: Jefferson Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University

Residency: University of Louisville School of Medicine and Temple University School of Medicine

Fellowship: University of Kentucky



Marco Yung, MD – Surgery

Medical School: St. George's University

Residency: Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine

Fellowship: University of Connecticut
Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine



Gregory S. Parkins, DO – Internal Medicine

Medical School: West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine

Residency: Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine - Internal Medicine

Assistant Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine

Asma Nayyar, MD – Geriatrics

Medical School: King Edward Medical University

Residency: St. Joseph Mercy Oakland

Fellowship: Wayne State University School of Medicine

Assistant Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine



Kate Impastato, MD – Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (pediatric)

Medical School: Louisiana State University

Residency: University of Washington

Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine



Janice Hostetter, DO – Psychiatry

Medical School: Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine

Residency: Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine

Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine

John Gosche, MD – Surgery (pediatric)

Medical School: University of South Florida College of Medicine

Residency: University of Louisville

Fellowship: Nationwide Children's Hospital

Professor in the Department of Surgery at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine



Jordan Gaal, DO – Psychiatry

Medical School: West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine

Residency: Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine

Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine



Meredith Bentley, DO – Psychiatry

Medical School: West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine

Residency: Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine

Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine

Tarake Aljarod, MD – Internal Medicine

Medical School: University of Benghazi Faculty of Medicine

Residency: Morehouse School of Medicine - Internal Medicine

Fellowship: University of Kentucky - Pulmonary & Critical Care medicine

Fellowship: University of Illinois at Chicago - Sleep Medicine

Assistant Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine



Ahmed Sherif, MD, AGAF, FASGE – Gastroenterology

Medical School: Al-Fateh University School of Medicine

Externship: Columbia Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center

Internship: Al-Fateh University School of Medicine

Residency: Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Fellowship: University of Michigan

Associate Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine



Pramod Pantangi, MD – Gastroenterology

Medical School: Osmania Medical College

Residency: SUNY Upstate Medical University

Fellowship: SUNY Upstate Medical University - Gastroenterology

Fellowship: SUNY Upstate Medical University - Geriatrics

Assistant Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine



Ravi Kapadia, MD – Surgery

Medical School: American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine

Internship: St. John Providence Hospital - General Surgery

Residency: Montefiore Medical Center - General Surgery

Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine



Wesam Frandah, MD – Gastroenterology

Medical School: Al-Fateh University School of Medicine

Residency: Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center - Internal Medicine

Fellowship: University of Kentucky - Gastroenterology & Hepatology

Fellowship: Center for Interventional Endoscopy - Advanced Endoscopy

Assistant Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine



Pamela Stallo, MD, FAAP – Pediatrics

Medical School: Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine

Residency: Residency: West Virginia University – Charleston Area Medical Center

Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine

Boukhemis named Wound Center co-medical director



St. Mary's Wound and Hyperbaric Center has named Karim Boukhemis, MD, an orthopedic physician with Scott Orthopedic Center, co-medical director. He joins Kirt Miller, DPM, podiatry specialist with HIMG.

Dr. Boukhemis joins the center's multidisciplinary healthcare team that uses proven wound care practices and advanced clinical approaches to help heal patients who suffer from chronic wounds. The team includes physicians with advanced training in wound management and hyperbaric medicine and nurses skilled in chronic wound care treatment. Dr. Boukhemis received his medical degree from the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. He completed his residency in orthopedics at West Virginia University and his foot and ankle fellowship at the University of California at Davis in Sacramento.



St. Mary's Wound and Hyperbaric Center is the recipient of RestorixHealth's Center of Excellence award. Restorix's highest achievement, the award distinguishes centers that have demonstrated exceptional success by meeting or exceeding clinical, operational and financial benchmarks in different categories, including healing outcomes, assessment and care processes, debridement, vascular assessment and patient safety, along with a patient satisfaction rate of 96% or higher.

For more information, call the center at 304.399.7450.



Cabell Huntington Hospital Recognized for Higher Quality in Maternity Care

Cabell Huntington Hospital (CHH), a member of Mountain Health Network, has been recognized by Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) West Virginia with a Blue Distinction® Center for Maternity Care designation as part of the Blue Distinction Specialty Care program. CHH has held this distinction since 2014.

Blue Distinction Centers are nationally designated hospitals that show expertise in delivering improved patient safety and better health outcomes, based on objective measures that were developed with input from the medical community.

Nearly four million babies are born in the U.S. annually, making childbirth the most common cause of hospitalization, and cesarean sections the most common operating room procedures, according to National Centers for Health Statistics and the Agency for Health Care Research & Quality (AHRQ). Reducing early elective delivery is an area of focus for the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). According to Health Affairs, elective inductions result in more cesarean deliveries and a longer maternal

hospitalization. The Blue Distinction Centers for Maternity Care program evaluates hospitals on quality measures for vaginal and cesarean delivery.

"We are very proud to be recognized by Highmark BCBS West Virginia for meeting the rigorous Blue Distinction Center quality selection criteria for maternity care set by the Blue Distinction Specialty Care program," said Hoyt Burdick, MD, chief medical officer for Mountain Health Network. "Our team works to establish best practice processes that increase patient safety, quality and satisfaction with care."

"The Blue Distinction program gives Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield West Virginia members the ability to choose their providers based upon reliable quality and safety information. It also provides a pathway for exceptional providers to demonstrate their value, and delivers the kind of transparency necessary for members to make informed value-driven healthcare decisions. We congratulate our Blue Distinction Specialty Care Providers on their accomplishment and thank our members for choosing Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield West Virginia", said Dr.

Charles DeShazer, senior vice president and chief medical officer for Highmark.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield (BCBS) companies across the nation have recognized more than 1,000 hospitals as Blue Distinction Centers for Maternity Care. Hospitals recognized with this designation are assessed using a combination of quality information supplied by hospitals and cost measures derived from BCBS companies' medical claims.

Since 2006, the Blue Distinction Specialty Care program has helped patients find quality specialty care in the areas of bariatric surgery, cancer care, cardiac care, maternity care, knee and hip replacements, spine surgery and transplants, while encouraging health care professionals to improve the care they deliver. Research shows that, compared to other hospitals, those designated as Blue Distinction Centers demonstrate better quality and improved outcomes for patients.

For more information about the program and for a complete listing of the designated facilities, please visit www.bcbs.com/bluedistinction.



Cabell Huntington Hospital has recognized Gavin Jenkins and Chris Perdue, registered nurses in the MICU, as Good Catch award winners. Gavin and Chris recently identified work flow issues with the ordering and documentation of convalescent plasma administration. Their attention to detail and a willingness to investigate concerns with the process demonstrates their commitment to providing safe, excellent care to our patients.



Congratulations to Pediatric Nurse Rebecca Boyd on receiving December's Good Catch Award. Her dedication and attention to detail illustrates her commitment to provide optimum care to her patients.

St. Mary's and Humana announce Medicare network agreement

Increases Access to Quality Care for Humana Medicare Advantage Members

St. Mary's Medical Center, one of West Virginia's largest health care facilities, and leading health and well-being company Humana Inc. (NYSE: HUM) announced today they have signed an agreement to expand local access to in-network, quality health care for Humana Medicare Advantage members.

"We're very pleased that local Humana Medicare Advantage members have a new, in-network option for quality health care in the Tri-State region," said Todd Campbell, President of St. Mary's Medical Center. "St. Mary's aligns with Humana in our shared commitment to the health and well-being of the community."

Humana's Regional Medicare President in West Virginia. "We are pleased to work with the team at St. Mary's Medical Center, which has a distinguished history of serving the community for nearly 100 years."

The contract is in effect for Humana Medicare Advantage Health Maintenance Organization (HMO), Preferred Provider Organization (PPO), and Private Fee-for-Service (PFFS) health plans in the greater Huntington Tri-State area. Plan members now have in-network access at St. Mary's Medical Center, a 393-bed hospital that serves patients from a 52-county region and is part of Mountain Health Network.

"Expanding access to care near where our members live is always a priority for Humana, but especially so as the coronavirus pandemic continues," said Eric Bohannon,





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Hoops Family Children's Hospital's Child Advocacy Center Awarded Accreditation

The Hoops Family Children's Hospital (HFCH) Child Advocacy Center (CAC) has been awarded accreditation by National Children's Alliance following an extensive application and site review process. The CAC is the only hospital-based child advocacy center in the region.

As the accrediting agency for Children's Advocacy Centers (CAC) across the country, National Children's Alliance awards various levels of accreditation and membership to centers responding to allegations of child abuse in ways that are effective and efficient, and put the needs of child victims of abuse first. Accreditation is the highest level of membership with National Children's Alliance and denotes excellence in service provision.



"The CAC was developed at HFCH in 2017 to provide children and families with compassionate care to reduce the trauma often experienced by children who are

victims of abuse," said Marie Frazier, MD, medical director for the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and the CAC. She is also an associate professor at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine in the Department of Pediatrics. "We are honored to be an accredited member of the National Children's Alliance."

National Children's Alliance awards accredited membership based on a CAC's compliance with 10 national standards of accreditation to ensure effective, efficient and consistent delivery of services to child abuse victims. National Children's Alliance updated these standards in 2017 to reflect the most recent evidence-based practices in the field of child abuse intervention and prevention. According to these standards, accredited members must utilize a functioning and effective multidisciplinary team approach to work collaboratively in child abuse investigation, prosecution,



and treatment. National Children's Alliance also considers standards regarding a center's cultural competency and diversity, forensic interviews, victim support and advocacy, medical evaluation, therapeutic intervention, and child focused setting.



"As a team of individuals dedicated to responding to child abuse, we recognize the importance of accreditation from National Children's Alliance and supporting the

multidisciplinary team approach," said Melanie Akers, director of the Hoops Family Children's Hospital. "Accreditation not only validates our organization's proven effective approach to responding to allegations of child abuse, but also provides consistency across the child advocacy center movement as a whole."

"The Hoops Family Children's Hospital Child Advocacy Center is to be commended for its excellent work serving victims of child abuse," said

Teresa Huizar, executive director of the National Children's Alliance. "As the national association and accrediting body for Children's Advocacy Centers across the country, our goal is to ensure that every victim of child abuse has access to high quality services that result from professional collaboration,"

National Children's Alliance makes one big difference, one child and one voice at a time. As the nonprofit association and accrediting body providing comprehensive care through hundreds of Children's Advocacy Centers nationwide, we unify and amplify our voices to command better outcomes. With a forward-thinking approach that stays at the forefront of every child's future, we are the beginning of child abuse's end. For more information, visit nationalchildrensalliance.org.

For more information about the HFCH Child Advocacy Center, contact Angela Seay, child advocacy coordinator, at 304.526.2349.



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Infusion Solutions continuing to provide comprehensive infusion therapy to community through new ownership agreement



The board of Infusion Solutions has reached a new ownership agreement, allowing the company to continue to provide comprehensive infusion therapy to the Tri-State.

The new ownership agreement became necessary after the closure of Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital (OLBH) in Ashland. OLBH was a part owner of Infusion Solutions, in partnership with St. Mary's Medical Center (SMMC) in Huntington, Charleston Area Medical Center (CAMC) in Charleston and St. Claire HealthCare (SCH) in Morehead. With the closure, the three remaining hospitals agreed to purchase equal shares of OLBH's ownership.

"Infusion Solutions provides a valuable service by allowing patients to receive intravenous medication therapy in their homes. We are excited that this service will continue for the patients of the tri-state area," said Brian E. Sayre, PharmD, Infusion Solutions board chair and health system director of

pharmacy, CAMC. "Additionally, the board extends its sincere appreciation to Our Lady of Bellefonte in working with all the member hospitals so that this service will continue to provide outstanding patient care."

Infusion therapy products and services provided by Infusion Solutions pharmacies include antibiotics, pain management, hydration electrolytes, total parenteral nutrition (TPN) and chemotherapy. Providing these therapies in the home allows the patients to be discharged from the hospital, which lowers the cost of care, while still receiving the therapeutic treatment they need. During the COVID-19 pandemic, home treatment has become an important option for those patients who feel unable to leave their home.

With two pharmacy locations in Ashland and Charleston, the company serves 31 counties in West Virginia, 12 counties in Ohio and 26 counties in Kentucky. Both pharmacies are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC).

For more information, visit www.infusionsolutions.org.