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**Dr. Mark J. Alberts appointed as physician-in-chief
of Hartford HealthCare Neuroscience Institute**

HARTFORD, Conn. (Sept. 12, 2016) — Hartford HealthCare has appointed Dr. Mark J. Alberts as physician-in-chief of the Hartford HealthCare Neuroscience Institute. He will begin his new role in early 2017.

Alberts' academic accomplishments, publications, leadership and clinical contributions have earned him national and international recognition, including the Neurologist Pioneering Award from the Society of Vascular and Interventional Neurology. He is respected for his research, publications and lectures throughout the world at major medical meetings. Working collaboratively with physicians and healthcare providers across a spectrum of areas, Dr. Alberts has been acclaimed for helping develop national standards for hospitals to qualify as stroke centers.

In addition to his Institute role, Dr. Alberts will also provide leadership as Chief of Neurology at Hartford Hospital.

"Dr. Alberts is a nationally renowned physician leader, educator and healthcare executive," said Jeffrey A. Flaks, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Hartford HealthCare. "His clinical and leadership experience will help set world-class standards for our growing neuroscience programs. His track record in leading high-performing teams, and helping complex organizations gain recognition for their high quality neuroscience care, will be instrumental as we continue to develop Hartford HealthCare's Institute model."

Dr. Alberts comes to Hartford HealthCare from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, where he is vice chair of clinical affairs and hospital neurology for the Department of Neurology and Neurotherapeutics and medical director of neurology services for UT Southwestern University Hospitals. He is a professor of Neurology at UT Southwestern and is board certified in neurology and vascular neurology.

After receiving his undergraduate degree magna cum laude from Duke University, Dr. Alberts earned his medical degree from Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston with medical honor society honors. He has held leadership positions at Duke University Medical Center, Northwestern University Medical School and Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. He is a member of The Joint Commission's Technical Advisory Panel on Comprehensive Stroke Centers, a fellow of the American Heart Association and co-chair of the Brain Attack Coalition.

“It is a testament to the strength of our Institute model that we have been successful in attracting another renowned physician leader to Hartford HealthCare,” Flaks said. “With superb leadership supporting our exceptional clinical expertise, we are realizing our vision to create true centers of excellence in core service lines. This is a key component of HHC’s strategy to better serve our patients and customers, enhance access to top-quality care and grow the expertise of our system.”

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