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CHA to Recognize MidState Medical Center's Rajani Nadkarni, MD, as a Healthcare Hero

WALLINGFORD – At its 97th Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 30, 2015, the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) will recognize Rajani Nadkarni, MD, a medical oncology and hematology specialist affiliated with MidState Medical Center and practicing with Hartford HealthCare Medical Group, as a 2015 Healthcare Hero. She was nominated for this award by Carolina Starr-Manning.

Dr. Nadkarni's ability to look at the big picture of cancer care, especially the personal needs of patients and families, stems from both her caring heart and her earlier training in psychiatry. Her approach of empathy and compassion, along with her medical expertise, has made an immeasurable difference to countless patients.

She has also pioneered the introduction of genetic counseling and assessment of people at increased risk for cancer. She believes that education, survivorship programs, and prevention are critical to helping patients get the best care possible close to home, so that their lives can carry on as normally as possible despite a cancer diagnosis.

Dr. Nadkarni has donated her own money for many causes to promote health and well-being. She most recently paid for waiting room tablets for cancer patients to learn more about their diagnoses, medications, health, and wellness. She has held a number of positions at MidState Medical Center, including Medical Staff President, and has spearheaded healthcare quality and safety efforts.

CHA's Healthcare Heroes award was developed in 2002 to celebrate the invaluable contributions of healthcare workers, both to their field and to the community at large. Now in its 14th year, the presentation of the Healthcare Heroes awards has become a highlight of CHA's Annual Meeting.



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About CHA

The Connecticut Hospital Association has been dedicated to serving Connecticut's hospitals since 1919. Through state and federal advocacy, CHA represents the interests of Connecticut's hospitals on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, community health, health equity, and hospital reimbursement.