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MARCUS MCKINNEY APPOINTED AFFILIATE MEMBER TO ARIADNE LABS
Named to Prestigious Healthcare Research Think-Tank

(Hartford, Conn. - October 31, 2014) - Marcus McKinney, D.Min., LPC, Vice President of Community Health Equity and Health Policy at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, has been appointed as an Affiliate Member to Ariadne Labs based in Boston.

Dr. McKinney, of South Windsor, is part of the first group of affiliate members named to Ariadne Labs, a collaboration between Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Harvard School of Public Health. Ariadne Labs brings together a diverse group of individuals including academic faculty, physicians, nurses and other clinicians, researchers, graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and innovative business professionals who want to improve healthcare.

"Marc has been a key member of our growing community of individuals focused on improving outcomes in healthcare for everyone." said Atul Gawande, M.D., M.P.H, Executive Director, Ariadne Labs. "I am delighted to include him in our first group of Affiliate Members." Dr. Gawande is the New York Times bestselling author of Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End.

"This is an honor for Marc and for Saint Francis," said Christopher M. Dadlez, President and Chief Executive Officer at Saint Francis. "Marc is adept at working within communities toward our goal of reducing healthcare disparities. This appointment confirms our past efforts and moves us closer to continuing that mission in the future."

Ariadne Labs' mission is to create scalable solutions that produce better care at the most critical moments in people's lives, everywhere. Ariadne Labs aspires to develop simple tools to guide patients, doctors, and families through critical moments in their lives with compassionate, simple, and practical solutions. These critical moments are currently defined as improving safe child birth, safer surgery and a guide for patients dealing with serious illness care. Ariadne Labs is also committed to growing a community of researchers who want to improve health care. The work of the labs is built on a foundation of innovative use of informatics and measurement, implementation and improvement science, and professional program management. Ariadne Labs

continually evaluates and monitors outcomes to ensure that those programs are improving health systems, providing better patient care, and saving lives.

Dr. McKinney joined Saint Francis in 1984 as the director of Pastoral Counseling and Community Outreach. In 2010, he began serving as the director and co-founder of the Curtis D. Robinson Men's Health Institute, providing leadership in Saint Francis' efforts to curb healthcare disparities in the community.

An assistant professor within the psychiatry department at the University of Connecticut, School of Medicine, Dr. McKinney also serves as a health leadership fellow for the Connecticut Health Foundation. Dr. McKinney earned his doctorate of ministry from Andover Newton Theological School, Newton, MA, and his master of divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX. He is a member of the Yale University Institute of Social and Policy Studies, the American Psychological Association, and a certified fellow of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors.

Photo caption: Dr. Marcus McKinney, D.Min., LPC, Vice President of Community Health Equity and Health Policy at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, and Dr. Atul Gawande, Executive Director, Ariadne Labs.

About Saint Francis Care

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