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**MUHAMMAD IRFAN MUNAWAR, M.D.,**  
**NAMED CHAIR OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AT SAINT FRANCIS HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER**  
*Physician executive of the behavioral health service line*

(HARTFORD, Conn. – Dec. 21, 2016) Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has named Muhammad Irfan Munawar, M.D., Chairman of Behavioral Health and Physician Executive of the Behavioral Health Service Line. Dr. Munawar has been serving in this role as an interim chair since April.

A member of the Saint Francis family for over eight years, Dr. Munawar earned his medical degree from Allama Iqbal Medical College, Lahore, Pakistan, and completed his adult psychiatry residency at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, Mississippi. Dr. Munawar also finished his child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship at the University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington.

Board certified in general psychiatry, child and adolescent psychiatry and addiction medicine, Dr. Munawar has extensive experience in the management of highly complex patients suffering from a wide range of psychiatric disorders needing hospitalization. His areas of interest include suicide and para-suicidal acts, trauma, and impact of substance use on a developing brain.

#### **About Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center**

Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has been an anchor institution in north central Connecticut since 1897. In 2015, Saint Francis became part of Trinity Health - New England, an integrated health care delivery system that is a member of Trinity Health, Livonia, MI, one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation. Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center is licensed for 617 beds and 65 bassinets, is a major teaching hospital and the largest Catholic hospital in New England. Other Saint Francis entities include the Comprehensive Women's Health Center, the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute, the Curtis D. Robinson Center for Health Equity, the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, the Smilow Cancer Hospital Yale-New Haven at Saint Francis, and Saint Francis Medical Group.