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Nuvance Health Names New Sharon Hospital President

Sharon, Conn. — December 5, 2019 — Dr. Mark Hirko, a healthcare executive with diverse clinical and academic leadership experience, is the new leader of Sharon Hospital, now part of Nuvance Health.

"Sharon Hospital takes pride in its highly skilled and compassionate clinical care, and I am fortunate to join this team of dedicated professionals to enhance the way we deliver care to patients," said Hirko, a board-certified vascular surgeon and physician leader with more than 25 years of experience.

Hirko began his tenure with Health Quest Medical Practice in 2017 as associate vice president of surgical services, women's health and medical specialties throughout the parent organization's facilities: Sharon Hospital, Northern Dutchess Hospital, Putnam Hospital Center and Vassar Brothers Medical Center. He collaborated with senior and physician leadership to enhance care across the system and helped develop undergraduate and post-graduate medical and surgical education programs.

"Mark is a personable, trusted leader and physician who brings commitment to advancing patient care across the board," said Kerry Eaton, chief operating officer for Nuvance Health. "His track record of inclusive leadership, combined with broad administrative and clinical experience, positions him as an ideal president for Sharon Hospital."

Previously, Hirko was chairman of the department of surgery and program director of the general surgery residency at Long Branch, NJ-based Monmouth Medical Center, part of RWJBarnabas Health. Prior to this, he served as chief of vascular surgery and associate medical director of the heart and vascular program at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Mass.

He completed his vascular surgery fellowship at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Ill., and a general surgery residency at Akron City Hospital, a member of Summa Health System, in Akron, Ohio. He earned his medical degree from the Boonshoft School of Medicine at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. He also received bachelor's and master's degrees in biology from the University of Akron.

Outside of the office, Hirko enjoys golf, exercise and traveling to Manhattan with wife, Pamela, to visit their two children, Geoffrey and Marie.

For more information about Sharon Hospital, visit healthquest.org/sharonhospital or email SharonHospital@nuvancehealth.org.

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About Nuvance Health

Nuvance Health is a family of award-winning nonprofit hospitals and healthcare professionals in the Hudson Valley and western Connecticut. Nuvance Health combines highly skilled physicians, state-of-the-art facilities and technology, and compassionate caregivers dedicated to providing quality care across a variety of clinical areas, including Cardiovascular, Neurosciences, Oncology, Orthopedics, and Primary Care.

Nuvance Health has a network of convenient hospital and outpatient locations — Danbury Hospital, New Milford Hospital, Norwalk Hospital and Sharon Hospital in Connecticut, and Northern Dutchess Hospital, Putnam Hospital Center and Vassar Brothers Medical Center in New York — plus multiple primary and specialty care physician practice locations, including The Heart Center, a leading provider of cardiology care, and two urgent care offices. Non-acute care is offered through various affiliates, including the Thompson House for rehabilitation and skilled nursing services, and the Home Care organizations. For more information about Nuvance Health, visit our [website](#).