

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Peter R. Cordeau, MBA, BSN, RN Named President of Norwalk Hospital**

*New hospital leader joins the expanding Western Connecticut Health Network*

DANBURY, Connecticut, January 17, 2019 — Western Connecticut Health Network (WCHN) President and CEO John M. Murphy, MD, announced the appointment of Peter R. Cordeau, MBA, BSN, RN, to the role of President of Norwalk Hospital. Norwalk Hospital is part of the growing WCHN, which currently also includes Danbury Hospital and New Milford Hospital. In his new role, Mr. Cordeau will oversee all administrative and clinical functions at Norwalk Hospital.

Mr. Cordeau brings a wealth of clinical and administrative experience to Norwalk Hospital. His 30-year career includes hospital administration, operations, nursing leadership, and service line management. Mr. Cordeau's initial areas of focus at Norwalk Hospital will be building a strong and unified leadership team, overseeing hospital operations, and strengthening employee and physician engagement and the patient experience.

Mr. Cordeau comes to Norwalk Hospital from Sharon Hospital. He joined Sharon Hospital in 2013 as Chief Nursing Officer. He was quickly promoted to Chief Operating Officer in 2014 and then Chief Executive Officer in 2016. Mr. Cordeau successfully led the merger of Sharon Hospital with Health Quest in 2017. WCHN is awaiting approval from the Connecticut Office of Health Strategy to affiliate with all the Health Quest hospitals including Sharon Hospital, making this particular appointment foundational to the pending relationship.

"Mr. Cordeau's broad experience and expertise in healthcare, especially in administration, operations, and nursing, make him uniquely qualified to be president of Norwalk Hospital. Mr. Cordeau will help to facilitate the smoothest possible transition as Health Quest and WCHN come together to form a new organization, so that we can continue to provide the best care to our patients," said Dr. Murphy.

As Health Quest and WCHN come together, Mr. Cordeau will implement strategies that align operational and clinical services and integrate safe, high quality, and efficient care processes for our patients.

"I am very excited to join Norwalk Hospital. I am looking forward to collaborating with clinical, administrative, and community leaders to further the good health of greater Norwalk," said Mr. Cordeau.

In 2017, under Mr. Cordeau's leadership, Sharon Hospital was recognized with an "A" patient safety grade by The Leapfrog Group, a nonprofit organization committed to driving quality, safety, and transparency in the United States healthcare system. Sharon Hospital was also named a Joint Commission Top Hospital in 2015 and was positively incentivized by

the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) under its value-based purchasing program for three years in a row (2014, 2015, and 2016).

### **About Peter R. Cordeau**

As President of Sharon Hospital, Mr. Cordeau is a highly visible leader in the community. He sponsors, volunteers, and speaks at community events. He also serves on the Northwest Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Mr. Cordeau received his Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Connecticut in Storrs, Connecticut, and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Hartford in West Hartford, Connecticut.

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### **About Western Connecticut Health Network**

[Western Connecticut Health Network](http://wchn.org) is the region's premier, patient-centered healthcare organization serving residents of western Connecticut and adjacent New York. WCHN is anchored by three nationally recognized hospitals, [Danbury Hospital](#), [New Milford Hospital](#), and [Norwalk Hospital](#). We have an integrated network of more than 1,300 employed and community physicians and specialists, 70 [Western Connecticut Medical Group](#) medical and sub-specialty practices across 16 communities, and [Western Connecticut Home Care](#). Our nationally renowned Rudy L. Ruggles [Biomedical Research Institute](#) is leading innovative research, especially for cancer and Lyme disease. Many of our advancements have been made possible by generous donors from our community and through the [Danbury Hospital & New Milford Hospital Foundation](#) and the [Norwalk Hospital Foundation](#). As an academic institution, we are proud to shape the future of care through our partnership with the University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine. WCHN employs nearly 6,300 employees including about 1,900 clinical staff. For more information, visit [wchn.org](http://wchn.org). Share your comments with us at [Facebook.com/DanburyHospital](https://www.facebook.com/DanburyHospital), [Facebook.com/NewMilfordHospital](https://www.facebook.com/NewMilfordHospital), and [Facebook.com/NorwalkHospital](https://www.facebook.com/NorwalkHospital).

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