St. Vincent's CEO Elected to Connecticut Hospital Association Board of Trustees

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. - August 3, 2015 - St. Vincent's Medical Center President and CEO Stuart G. Marcus, MD has been elected to the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) 2015-2016 Board of Trustees. 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.

"I look forward to working with my colleagues statewide on our shared goals of quality care, cost containment, and improved outcomes for patients in communities across Connecticut," stated Marcus. "Together we will continue to advocate for a strong healthcare system that supports patient care and access for all."

This past spring, Marcus was named co-chair of CHA's new statewide asthma initiative to improve patient care and access and to design new models of care that will transform community partner and hospital relationships. Nearly hospital leaders, community partners, members of state government, and other experts participate in this initiative. "Hospitals are always seeking to better serve patients and communities. Coordinating care is key and hospitals can support the continuum," said Dr. Marcus. "Asthma is an issue on which we can make headway and solve. Our goa to ensure that no one's life is limited by asthma."

Dr. Marcus joined St. Vincent's in 2006 and was appointed President and CEO of St. Vincent's Health Services in 2014. He was named president of St. Vincent's Medical Center in 2012 after having served as Senior Vice Preside Chief Medical Officer, and Chairman of Oncology at St. Vincent's. Dr. Marcus also serves as professor of surgery f the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University. He was instrumental in establishing St. Vincen as the principal clinical partner for the school. Prior to joining St. Vincent's, he held clinical leadership positions at New York University Medical Center and Bellevue Hospital Center.

He received his medical degree from Duke University School of Medicine, was trained in general surgery at NYU/Bellevue, and completed a fellowship in surgical oncology research at the National Cancer Institute in Bethes MD. Dr. Marcus has published extensively in peer reviewed medical journals and is a speaker and presenter at conferences across the country.

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About St. Vincent's Medical Center
Founded by the Daughters of Charity in 1903, St. Vincent's Medical Center is a mission-driven organization committed to exceptional health care for all with special consideration for the poor and underserved. St. Vincent's Medical Center is a subsidiary of St. Vincent's Health Services, and a member of Ascension Health, the nation's largest Catholic and largest non-profit healthcare system, and is at the forefront in patient safety and quality, with a focus on creating holistic, compassionate environments. St. Vincent's has been ranked Best Hospital in Fairfield County and in all of Western Connecticut for 2013-2015 by U.S. News & World Report in its annual "Best Hospitals survey. Recently the recipient for the seventh consecutive time of the "A" Hospital Safety Score" from The Leapfrog Group, St. Vincent's is the only hospital in the state to receive both the Leapfrog "A" and Nursing Magnet® recognition, the highest national award for nursing excellence, according to the most current data. The American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer awarded St. Vincent's an Outstanding Achievement Award with Accreditation in 2012, and it has also earned its designation from the National Accreditation Program for Breast Cancer. For more information on programs and services, call the toll-free Care Line at 1-877-255-SVHS (7847) or visit www.stvincents.org.