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Trinity Health – New England to provide be official health care provider for University of Hartford athletes

HARTFORD, Conn. (Mar. 28, 2017) The University of Hartford Department of Athletics and Trinity Health – New England have reached an agreement to make Trinity Health – New England the official health care provider for Hartford Athletics.

As part of the agreement, Trinity Health – New England will provide all health care services to Hartford’s 344 student-athletes under the direction of head team physician Brett Wasserlauf, M.D., an orthopedic surgeon with the Connecticut Sports Medicine Institute at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center.

“Trinity Health - New England is the premiere health care provider in our area, and this partnership will ensure that our student-athletes are getting the best preventative and rehabilitative care,” said John Carson, interim Athletics Director. “This partnership is incredibly beneficial to both Hartford Athletics and Trinity Health – New England, and we look forward to having this agreement in place for years to come.”

Trinity Health - New England is an integrated health care delivery system comprised of world-class providers and facilities dedicated to the full spectrum of preventive, acute, and post-acute care, all delivered with the triple aim of better health, better care, and lower costs for our patient populations.

“Trinity Health – New England is proud to be a partner with University of Hartford athletics. This relationship reflects both our commitment to our community and the clinical excellence in orthopedics and sports medicine available at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center,” said John F. Rodis, M.D., M.B.A., president, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center. “We look forward to supporting the Hawks’ student-athletes.”

The University of Hartford’s new head team physician, Dr. Wasserlauf, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon with Connecticut Orthopedic Associates in Bloomfield and Glastonbury. He graduated with honors from Columbia University College of Physicians

and Surgeons. Prior to coming to Connecticut in 2003, Dr. Wasserlauf served as a fellow in sports medicine in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Washington University School of Medicine/Barnes-Jewish Hospital in Saint Louis, Missouri. While there, he served as associate team physician for the St. Louis Cardinals, St. Louis Rams, and St. Louis Blues.

“Dr. Wasserlauf is one of the best orthopedic surgeons in the region and we are fortunate to have him become the university’s lead physician,” said Carson. “His experience working in professional hockey, baseball and football will play a pivotal role in enhancing our medical service to each of our student-athletes.”

“I am excited for the opportunity to work with the student-athletes and the athletic department at the University of Hartford. I am impressed with the university’s new leadership and direction, and I look forward to bringing the sports medicine program to a level commensurate with a rising, high-level Division 1 program, “ said Dr. Wasserlauf. “Trinity Health – New England, and its new Connecticut Sports Medicine Institute, will be a terrific partner for the university in this venture.”

About Hartford Athletics The University of Hartford Department of Athletics is a Division I Institution and a member of the America East Conference. The University sponsors 17 varsity programs and attracts over 300 student-athletes from 23 states and 16 foreign countries who experience success both on and off the field. Hartford has won four of the last five America East Academic Cup Championships for having the league’s highest cumulative GPA. The Department of Athletics has a very rich history, which includes many professional athletes like Baseball Hall of Famer Jeff Bagwell, NBA All-Star Vin Baker, PGA Tour professional Jerry Kelly and many more.

About Trinity Health – New England

Trinity Health – New England is an integrated nonprofit health care delivery system formed in 2015 and is a member of Trinity Health located in Livonia, Michigan, one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation. Trinity Health – New England is comprised of Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center and Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut; Johnson Memorial Hospital and Johnson Health Care and Home & Community Health Services in Stafford Springs, Connecticut; Saint Mary’s Hospital in Waterbury, Connecticut; Mercy Medical Center in Springfield, Massachusetts; Providence Behavioral Health Hospital in Holyoke, Massachusetts; Weldon Rehabilitation Hospital, Springfield, Massachusetts; Brightside for Families and Children; and Mercy Continuing Care Network that includes Mercy Homecare, Mercy Hospice and Mercy LIFE. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @THNewEngland