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**UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL NAMES THREE TO ITS EXECUTIVE TEAM;
NEW LEADERS JOIN THE HOSPITAL ON APRIL 13**

Newark, NJ – University Hospital announced today that it has appointed three new members of the executive leadership team. Joining University Hospital on April 13 will be Robert Iannaccone as the hospital’s Executive Vice President, William Holubek, M.D. as the Chief Medical Officer, and Tomas Gregorio as Chief Innovation and Technology Officer.

These three new leaders join the hospital, ready to help drive the organization through the current public health emergency and do their part to help the hospital deliver on its commitment to the community.

Iannaccone joins the University Hospital executive team from his previous position as Chief Executive Officer at Saint Michael’s Medical Center, a member of the Prime Healthcare System, also located in Newark, N.J. He led the hospital through its acquisition by Prime, and an extensive restructuring that included the creation of a new Local Governing Board, a Community Advisory Board, the development of a strategic plan, and the design and recruitment of a diverse leadership team for the hospital. He also presided over the improvement of the hospital’s Leapfrog safety grade, achieving an A in the last survey.

Dr. Holubek comes to University Hospital following his tenure as the Vice President of Medical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer at WellStar Atlanta Medical Center, a 762-bed urban academic hospital in Atlanta, GA, with two campuses and a Level 1 Trauma Center designation. In that capacity, he helped make significant improvements in patient safety and quality. Dr. Holubek’s work decreased the medical center’s Hospital Acquired Infections and Length of Stay, through interdepartmental collaboration and implementation of lean methodology, while beginning the journey of creating a High Reliability Organization. Notably, Dr. Holubek is a graduate of Rutgers New Jersey Medical School and completed his residency training in Emergency Medicine at Morristown Memorial Medical Center, in affiliation with University Hospital. We are proud to

welcome Dr. Holubek back home.

An accomplished healthcare innovator, Gregorio comes to University Hospital from the New Jersey Innovation Institute (NJII) - Healthcare Division where he served as Senior Vice President and General Manager. At NJII, he had the overall responsibility of day-to-day business operations of the \$20 million start-up that has several innovative programs to help government and industry tackle the daily problems faced by physicians, health systems, and payers. He led the organization during a period of significant growth, increasing an initial staff of nine to a staff of 120 in just four years. Most recently, he served as the primary investigator on a \$49.6 million Medicare grant to reduce national healthcare spending by \$155 million.

“These three healthcare executives will bring fresh ideas and new enthusiasm to University Hospital as we look to a new era of serving our community. Robert and Tomas have first-hand experience with New Jersey’s healthcare environment, while William brings a great perspective on urban healthcare. All three have deep experience in academic medical center leadership,” said **Shereef Elnahal, MD, President and CEO of University Hospital**. “I look forward to working with them as we join forces with our Board of Directors to continuously improve University Hospital and its operations.”

“I know Newark, and I look forward to the opportunity to join forces with Dr. Elnahal and the leadership team as we look to fulfill the Hospital’s mission to the City of Newark and the surrounding community,” said **Robert Iannaccone**. “I look forward to bringing the knowledge and expertise on hospital transformation gained while at Saint Michael’s to New Jersey’s state hospital.”

“I am excited to work with the clinical and hospital staff at University Hospital, to help provide the safest and highest quality healthcare to our patients and the community we serve,” said **William Holubek**. “University Hospital is a jewel of New Jersey, with world-class graduate medical education, and advanced technologies and clinical services. I am honored to become a member of the leadership team and eager to ensure University Hospital is recognized for the exceptional care it delivers.”

“Through my industry experience and my work in New Jersey healthcare, my long-term vision is to continue to find innovative ways to deliver on the triple aim – better healthcare, better health, and lower costs,” said **Tomas Gregorio**. “I thank Dr. Elnahal and his team for affording me the opportunity to bring that focus to University Hospital.”

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About University Hospital

University Hospital is part of one of the nation’s leading academic medical centers and is the Level 1 Trauma Center for Northern New Jersey. Located at University Heights in Newark, University Hospital is a principal teaching hospital of Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences and a regional resource for advanced services across many medical specialties. For more information about University Hospital, please visit www.uhnj.org.