



# UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

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## **University Hospital Board of Directors Appoints Judith M. Persichilli as Acting President & CEO**

**Newark, New Jersey – December 13, 2018** – Today, the Board of Directors appointed Judith M. Persichilli, R.N., B.S.N., M.A., to serve as Acting President and Chief Executive Officer of University Hospital. The Board has also launched a robust strategic planning process that will drive the future of the Hospital. Judy will focus her immediate efforts on the Hospital’s on-going patient safety and quality of care initiatives, as well as regulatory requirements, employee safety, and employee and community engagement.

“Over the last several months, we have worked alongside Judy as she prepared her report for charting a new path at University Hospital. During that time, it became clear that she is the optimal leader to begin implementing these recommendations,” **said Tanya Freeman, University Hospital Board Chair**. “University Hospital is a vital public institution and we are confident that Judy will lead the organization in this new role toward delivering on its promise of access to high quality care for the City of Newark and surrounding communities.”

“While serving as Monitor at University Hospital, I was very impressed with the dedicated employees throughout the organization who work hard every day to fulfill the critical mission of the Hospital,” **said Ms. Persichilli**. “I look forward to continuing to work with the entire team and the Board on the journey to becoming a high reliability organization with a unified focus on quality and safety, and to identifying a leader who can work with the community to maximize University Hospital’s potential as both an important public institution and a world-class academic medical center.”

### **About University Hospital**

University Hospital is 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](http://www.uhnj.org).

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