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MONTEFIORE AND BURKE REHABILITATION HOSPITAL TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO STATE-OF-THE-ART REHABILITATION PROGRAMS

New Strategic Partnership Will Provide Patients Greater Access to Coordinated and Cutting-Edge Post-Acute Rehabilitative Care Options

White Plains, NY (August 25, 2015) —Today, [Montefiore Health System](#) and [Burke Rehabilitation Hospital](#) announced plans for a new strategic partnership that will expand the availability of advanced rehabilitation therapies in Westchester County and beyond. This new alliance will enhance the missions of both institutions by aligning each of their core strengths and creating a collaboration that will enhance patient experiences and results.

"Montefiore and Burke Rehabilitation Hospital represent two of the most exceptional physical medicine and rehabilitation programs in the tri-state area," said [Steven M. Safyer, M.D.](#), president and CEO of Montefiore Health System. "Many of our patients have already experienced restored independence as a result of Burke and Montefiore providers working closely to enhance mobility and overcome even the most difficult obstacles. As we build on each other's expertise in rehabilitative care, I believe the future is bright for residents of Westchester and the Hudson Valley who look to overcome existing physical limitations and live their lives to the fullest."

Montefiore and Burke have signed a letter of intent and filed a certificate of need. Pending New York State Regulatory approval, the agreement would establish Burke as a hub in Westchester for acute, comprehensive rehabilitative care.

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“This new partnership will allow Burke to offer its established, high quality medical rehabilitation to more patients, to help improve their outcomes, while collaborating with an organization that supports the Burke mission,” said [Mary Beth Walsh](#), M.D., chief executive officer and executive medical director at Burke Rehabilitation Hospital. “We look forward to working closely with Montefiore on providing new services for patients today, and to developing new training opportunities for educating the rehabilitative experts of tomorrow.”

Burke, which specializes in neurological, orthopedic and cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, will continue to operate as an inpatient rehabilitation hospital under the Burke brand, as well as operate its outpatient clinics and programs throughout Westchester County, the Bronx and the Hudson Valley.

Burke Medical Research Institute will remain independent of the Montefiore Health System, but will continue to work closely with Burke Rehabilitation Hospital to develop new therapeutic approaches for a host of impairments that cause disability.

The partnership will allow the combination of the complementary strengths of both institutions to create new rehabilitative care models which will further world-class provider education and advance the role of rehabilitation medicine in the team-based care model advanced by Montefiore.

Montefiore is responsible for the quality of care of more than 400,000 lives throughout the Bronx, Westchester and Northern Manhattan, and plans to continue to expand this approach to better serve residents of Westchester and throughout the Hudson Valley.

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The Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Montefiore, consistently ranked as one of the best rehabilitation training programs by U.S. News & World Report, is one of the largest and well-regarded in the region, particularly in the areas of interventional pain, sports medicine, and pediatric services. Last year, more than 10,000 Montefiore patients utilized highly individualized treatment plans to maximize their mobility and agility.

About Montefiore Health System

Montefiore is a premier academic health system and the University Hospital for Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Combining nationally-recognized clinical excellence with a population health perspective that focuses on the comprehensive needs of the communities it serves, Montefiore delivers coordinated, compassionate, science-driven care where, when and how patients need it most. Montefiore consists of eight hospitals and an extended care facility with a total of 2,747 beds, a School of Nursing, and state-of-the-art primary and specialty care provided through a network of more than 150 locations across the region, including the largest school health program in the nation and a home health program. The Children's Hospital at Montefiore is consistently named in U.S. News' "America's Best Children's Hospitals." Montefiore's partnership with Einstein advances clinical and translational research to accelerate the pace at which new discoveries become the treatments and therapies that benefit patients. The health system derives its inspiration for excellence from its patients and community, and continues to be on the frontlines of developing innovative approaches to care. For more information please visit <http://www.montefiore.org>. Follow us on Twitter; like us on Facebook; view us on YouTube.

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About Burke Rehabilitation Hospital

Burke is a private, not-for-profit, acute rehabilitation hospital. Founded in 1915, it is the only hospital in Westchester County dedicated entirely to adult rehabilitation. Burke offers both inpatient and outpatient programs for those who have experienced a disabling illness, traumatic injury or surgery resulting in functional impairment. Burke's physicians and therapists provide state-of-the-art treatment, while its research scientists at the Burke Medical Research Institute explore the underlying mechanisms of neurological illness to improve treatment and search for cures. All share the Burke mission to ensure that every patient makes the fullest possible recovery. For additional information about Burke, please visit www.burke.org.

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