Burke Rehabilitation Hospital Welcomes New Chief Nursing Officer

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., March 4, 2019 – Burke Rehabilitation Hospital recently named Valerie Vermiglio-Kohn RN, MSN, CRRN, as its new Chief Nursing Officer. Vermiglio-Kohn began her new position during January 2019.

In her new position, Vermiglio-Kohn will oversee all nursing related activities in the hospital, as well as alignment with the standards of nursing care defined by the Montefiore Health System. Vermiglio-Kohn is taking over for Marie Spencer, RN, PhD, who is retiring in April after 18 years at Burke.

“Burke is an incredible rehabilitation hospital with more than 100 years making a difference in the lives of patients and their families,” Vermiglio-Kohn said. “The leadership here gives the nursing staff all of the resources needed to consistently provide outstanding rehabilitation nursing care. I view this as an incredible opportunity.”

Prior to Burke, Vermiglio-Kohn served as the Chief Nursing Executive/Senior Director of Quality Management at the Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation. She is a Certified Rehabilitation Nurse with more than 12 years of experience working in the rehabilitation field.

“We’re thrilled to have Valerie join the Burke family as CNO,” Burke President and CEO Jeffrey Menkes said. “Valerie has an impressive resume in the field of rehabilitative medicine and an extensive track record of success. She is a great addition to our leadership team.”

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Nursing is a second career for Vermiglio-Kohn, who previously worked as a chemical engineer for 10 years in the coffee manufacturing industry, as well as on the first test kit to screen blood for the AIDS virus. She chose to change careers after seeing the impact rehabilitation nurses have on patients’ outcomes while her husband was treated at Kessler.

Vermiglio-Kohn received her Master of Science in Nursing from St. Joseph’s College of Maine. She also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from Rutgers University, a Master's in Food Science from Rutgers University and an Associate of Science in Nursing from Bergen Community College.

Vermiglio-Kohn lives in Park Ridge, New Jersey, with her husband and three sons.

Burke Rehabilitation Hospital is a not-for-profit, acute rehabilitation hospital in White Plains, NY. Founded in 1915 through an endowment from philanthropist John Masterson Burke, it is the only hospital in Westchester County dedicated solely to adult rehabilitation medicine. As of 2016, the hospital is now a part of the Montefiore Health System, Inc. Burke offers both inpatient and outpatient programs for those who have experienced a disabling illness, traumatic injury or surgery. For additional information, please visit burke.org.

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