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Burke Rehabilitation Hospital Chief Nursing Officer Honored by *Crain's New York Business* as a Leader in Health Care

-Valerie Vermiglio-Kohn led Burke's nursing response to serve COVID-19 patients during crisis-

White Plains, NY — August 12, 2020 — Burke Rehabilitation Hospital's Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President of Nursing Valerie Vermiglio-Kohn was named a "Notable in Health Care" by *Crain's New York Business*. This award honors the professional, civic and philanthropic achievements of professionals in the health field who have impacted New York City and the surrounding area in major ways. This year, in particular, the report features leaders who helped bend the region's steep COVID-19 infection curve and recognizes the innovation in healthcare that both predated the crisis and arose from it.

"I am honored to join my colleagues with this recognition, which reflects our dedication to our patients, staff and institutions," said Vermiglio-Kohn. "This award is particularly meaningful this year, when we have met the challenge of navigating a public health crisis while remaining patient-focused."

Valerie Vermiglio-Kohn, RN, MSN, CRRN, has served as chief nursing officer and vice president of nursing at Burke Rehabilitation Hospital since January 2019. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she worked tirelessly to ensure staff well-being and safety, while continuing to provide the highest quality of care to all Burke patients.

"We are very proud to have our chief nursing officer receive this prestigious recognition," Burke President and CEO Jeffrey Menkes said. "Valerie is extremely knowledgeable and passionate about improving patient care through evidence-based practice. She is an outstanding clinical leader who communicates a clear vision for patient and staff safety and quality, inspiring all of us at Burke."

As the pandemic hit New York, Vermiglio-Kohn played a key role in establishing Burke's surge bed capacity through thoughtful strategic planning, staff wellness management and collaboration with the medical, IT and building operation departments. Her work was instrumental in Burke's ability to meet the needs of the community by continuing to care for



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traditional rehabilitation patients while also providing life-changing care for COVID-19 survivors.

Crain's Notable in Health Care, including Valerie Vermiglio-Kohn's profile, can be seen here: <https://www.crainsnewyork.com/awards/health-care-notables-2020>.

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.