White Plains, NY – February 27, 2017: The Board of Trustees of Burke Rehabilitation Hospital announced today that Chief Executive Officer and Executive Medical Director Mary Beth Walsh, MD will be stepping down after a successful 37-year tenure at the hospital. She has served as Burke’s CEO and Executive Medical director for the past 22 years.

Dr. Walsh put Burke on the map as one of the premiere rehabilitation hospitals in the region and set the pace for all others in the field with her visionary planning and advances in clinical care. A rheumatologist by training, she made it her practice to embrace the new ideas and technological advancements that ushered in a modern era of rehabilitative medicine. Her dedication to patient centered, integrated care has been the bedrock of the hospital’s stellar reputation and is her lasting legacy.

In addition, as an astute administrator in the changing landscape of healthcare, Walsh was the driving force behind forging a partnership with Montefiore Health System and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. This partnership facilitated Burke’s creation of a Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation residency program. She was also instrumental in creating a Neurorehabilitation Fellowship to educate the next generation of rehab physicians.

Dr. Walsh is currently a member of the American Hospital Association (AHA) Board of Trustees and a member of its post-acute care steering committee. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association (AMRPA).

Over the years Dr. Walsh has been actively engaged in health care discussions in various arenas, advocating in Washington D.C. for improved health care regulations and quality in post-acute care. She has authored several medical journal articles and has received honors for her work,
including the Women’s Healthcare Network Founder’s Award and the AMRPA’s INDE Award, which honors those who have had a direct and positive impact on the medical rehabilitation field. In 2013, she received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the New York Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.

The Board of Burke Rehabilitation Hospital would like to express its deep gratitude to Dr. Walsh for her tremendous contributions in setting the highest standards of care for the full spectrum of patients requiring intensive physical rehabilitation. Her accomplishments will continue through the patient-focused best practices she helped create.

As part of a smooth transition within the Montefiore/Einstein family, Mr. Jeff Menkes, Montefiore’s Senior Vice President for Network Development, will take over for Dr. Walsh, serving as President and CEO. Mr. Menkes brings a long and distinguished career in hospital operations and deep experience working side by side with physicians. Dr. Walsh and Mr. Menkes have worked closely since Burke joined the Montefiore Health System in January 2016. Their collaboration will enable Burke to continue its growth and position as the cornerstone of Montefiore Health System’s partner for acute rehabilitative care.

The change in leadership will be effective on April 1, 2017. The Burke Board of Trustees looks forward to working with Mr. Menkes as he helps navigate Burke through the future opportunities and the challenges of an ever-changing healthcare landscape.

The entire Burke/Montefiore family wishes Dr. Walsh and her husband, Tim, the very best for an active and healthy retirement.

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About Burke Rehabilitation Hospital
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. Burke offers both inpatient and outpatient programs for those who have experienced a disabling illness, traumatic injury or surgery. Burke serves patients from around the metropolitan New York area and throughout the world. The hospital’s renowned physicians, clinical researchers and therapists provide state-of-the-art treatment and all share the Burke mission to ensure that every patient makes the fullest possible recovery from illness or injury. For additional information on Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, please visit burke.org.

About Montefiore Health System
Montefiore Health System is one of New York’s premier academic health systems and is a recognized leader in providing exceptional quality and personalized, accountable care to approximately three million people in communities across the Bronx, Westchester and the Hudson Valley. It is comprised of 10 hospitals, including the Children’s Hospital at Montefiore, Burke Rehabilitation Hospital and close to 200 outpatient care sites. The advanced clinical and translational research at its’ medical school, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, directly informs patient care and improves outcomes. From the Montefiore-Einstein Centers of Excellence in cancer, cardiology and vascular care, pediatrics, and transplantation, to its’ preeminent school-based health program, Montefiore is a fully integrated healthcare delivery system providing coordinated, comprehensive care to patients and their families. For more information please visit www.montefiore.org. Follow us on Twitter and view us on Facebook and YouTube.