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“MIDHUDSON REGIONAL HOSPITAL OF WESTCHESTER MEDICAL CENTER” IS THE NEW NAME FOR SAINT FRANCIS HOSPITAL AND HEALTH CENTERS

[Westchester Medical Center](#) (WMC) and Saint Francis Hospital and Health Centers (SFHHC) today announced the new name for SFHHC—**MidHudson Regional Hospital of Westchester Medical Center**, which will take effect on or around May 9, 2014.

“We are very excited about our new partnership, the new name and the future of the organization,” said Michael Israel, President and CEO of Westchester Medical Center. “The new name highlights the role the organization will play in the future, a healthcare partnership to care for the residents of the Hudson Valley region today, and far into the future during *“our next 100 years.”*”

“Westchester Medical Center has been working very closely with the Saint Francis family and the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities to ensure a smooth and respectful transition,” said Art Nizza, President and CEO of SFHHC. “In the coming weeks and months we will begin to expand the breadth and depth of healthcare services offered in the region as we transform into MidHudson Regional Hospital of Westchester Medical Center.”

Israel reminded everyone that, “We want to recognize the contribution of the Sisters and the value of spirituality in healing and are committed to working with the Sisters to honor their legacy and contributions. We need to respect the fact that the Saint Francis name must change to reflect what will now be a secular institution.”

MidHudson Regional Hospital of Westchester Medical Center will continue to provide all of the fine services that are currently available at the Poughkeepsie location including such critical services as behavioral health programs, addiction recovery services, a special needs preschool, and Level Two Trauma Center, as well as well-known core medical services like joint replacement and physical rehabilitation, the latest robotic surgery procedures and a comprehensive cancer program.

The names of the home health program, the early education program and other programs will also utilize the MidHudson Regional prefix once the process is complete.

“We also plan to introduce additional advanced-care offerings locally to more patients in specialty areas such as neurosciences, cardiovascular and critical care. More healthcare services mean

more jobs for the community,” added Israel. “We look forward to your continued support and encouragement as we work to strengthen the region’s healthcare for today and tomorrow.”

About Westchester Medical Center

Spanning every adult and pediatric medical specialty, Westchester Medical Center serves as a lifeline to the more than 3.5 million people in the Hudson Valley region and beyond. Well-known for its advanced medical care in trauma and burn, heart, cancer, transplant, neuroscience and pediatrics, community hospitals within a 5,000-square-mile range send their most difficult cases to this advanced-care, academic medical center. At Westchester Medical Center, each year more than 120,000 patients are cared for in every medical specialty through its University Hospital, the 124-bed Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital—home to the region’s only Level IV NICU and PICU—the Joel A. Halpern Regional Trauma Center and the region’s only Burn Center and the only full-service 24/7 cardiac center, including heart transplant, Mechanical Circulatory Support and so much more. With more than 900 attending physicians and 3,300 healthcare professionals, Westchester Medical Center is the only facility capable of providing immediate lifesaving advanced care between New York City and Albany.

About Saint Francis

From our state-of-the-art Center for Robotic Surgery to our specialized Total Joint Rehabilitation Unit, Saint Francis is home to the latest healing techniques and technology in the Hudson Valley. Advanced clinical protocols are seamlessly combined with mission driven compassionate care delivered by the area’s top healthcare team. Operating the regions only Level 2 Trauma Center, Saint Francis is a destination hospital for patients with traumatic injuries that require care beyond what is routinely provided by their local community hospital. Whether it’s a life-threatening injury or a few stitches, you can turn to the top-notch staff at our recently expanded Emergency Care Center for fast and efficient treatment. The patient-centered Redl Center for Cancer Care offers people living with cancer and their families everything they need to receive care in one convenient and newly renovated location. From prevention, to education and treatment, the physicians, health care staff, and volunteers at Saint Francis have a reputation as the region’s most innovative health care delivery system. We are privileged to serve the Hudson Valley for [our next 100 years!](#)