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Delray Medical Center Appoints New Chief Operating Officer

September 17 2021 – Delray Medical Center promotes Maria Morales-Menendez to the position of Chief Operating Officer. In her role, Morales-Menendez will manage the daily operations and oversee the development and implementation of long-range plans, goals and objectives for Delray Medical Center.

“We are very pleased to expand Maria’s scope of responsibility into her new role as COO. Her commitment to operational excellence will benefit our hospital and community greatly,” said Maggie Gill, chief executive officer for the Palm Beach

Health Network and Delray Medical Center. “We feel confident that Maria’s passion for healthcare will continue to be an invaluable asset to our hospital.”

Prior to her appointment as COO, Morales-Menendez started at Delray Medical Center as an associate resident, before being promoted to the position of associate administrator. She led several process improvement and operational initiatives at Delray Medical Center, and for the Palm Beach Health Network.

Morales-Menendez graduated from the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky with a degree in biosystems engineering. She then went on to earn her Master’s in Business Administration with a healthcare specialization from Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

About Delray Medical Center

For nearly 40 years, Delray Medical Center, part of the Palm Beach Health Network, is a 523-bed acute care hospital, has served the communities of South Palm Beach County. As both a community hospital and state-designated Level I Trauma Center located on a 42-acre medical plaza, Delray Medical Center has the ability to offer several specialized services including cardiac care, orthopedics, rehabilitation, neurosciences, emergency care and more.

For the past 14 years, Delray Medical Center has been named one of America’s 50 Best Hospitals by Healthgrades®, a leading independent healthcare ratings organization. Delray Medical Center is a recipient of the Healthgrades 2020 Patient Safety Excellence Award, a designation recognizing superior performance of hospitals preventing the occurrence of serious, potentially avoidable complications for patients during hospital stays. The hospital is also a Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Heart Failure for 17 years in a row (2003-2019).

Delray Medical Center is a state-designated Comprehensive Stroke Center by the DNV-GL and received Get With The Guidelines award for advanced therapy for Thrombectomy. In addition, the hospital earned the Get With the Guidelines – Heart Failure and Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Awards from the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association in 2020. Delray Medical Center was also named by Healthgrades as a Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Stroke for 12 years in a row (2008-2020). Pinecrest Rehabilitation and Outpatient Hospital at Delray Medical Center is a CARF accredited rehabilitation unit, and the only state designated brain and spinal cord injury rehabilitation program in Palm Beach County by the state of Florida, Department of Health.

Delray Medical Center is actively involved in community outreach, sponsoring several events, community lectures and fundraisers. The hospital is also a smoke-free campus. For more information or for a free physician referral, please call 1-800-897-9789 or visit the website at www.delraymedicalctr.com.

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