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## **St. James Mercy Hospital Welcomes New Chief Medical Officer**

**HORNELL, N.Y.** – St. James Mercy Hospital is pleased to welcome Bilal Ahmed, MD, FACP to the role of Chief Medical Officer at St. James Mercy Hospital. Dr. Ahmed joined the organization officially on July 1.



Dr. Ahmed received his medical education at Allama Iqbal College in Lahore, Pakistan, and the Royal College of Physicians in London, UK. He is also a Professor of Clinical Medicine and Assistant Program Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, and the Associate Medical Director at Highland Hospital.

In his role as Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Ahmed will focus primarily on improving quality, safety, and service in patient clinical outcomes. He will serve as a leader in promoting physician performance in these areas, particularly those defined by state and federal scorecards. He will provide leadership, direction, and planning for a wide variety of medical and related activities for the Hospital, and serve as a change agent for activities that create clinical improvement, integration, and optimization.

Dr. Ahmed will be joined at St. James Mercy Hospital by Associate to Chief Medical Officer Dr. Roger Oskvig. Dr. Oskvig is currently a full-time member of the faculty at URMC, and will provide medical leadership focusing on credentialing, privileging, and practice monitoring, direction on bylaws for the Medical Staff, and input on admission status and Hospital billing/coding.

St. James Mercy Hospital was founded in 1890 and now provides a full range of inpatient and outpatient services, including emergency, acute medical and surgical, imaging, and laboratory. Specialty services include orthopedics, general surgery, physical therapy, Express Care, mammography, digital imaging, a Coumadin clinic, cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation, and a personal emergency response system called MercyLine. The Hospital works on an ongoing basis to build collaborative relationships with a host of regional partners, in order to ensure the continued continuity of critical health care services in the Hornell community.

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