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Robin Lynch Joins Hebrew SeniorLife as Vice President of Quality and Regulatory Affairs

Lynch to Oversee Quality Control and Risk Management for Hebrew Rehabilitation Center

BOSTON — Hebrew SeniorLife, the largest provider of senior health care and housing in New England and an affiliate of Harvard Medical School, today announced that Robin Lynch has joined as Vice President of Quality and Regulatory Affairs for Hebrew Rehabilitation Center. Lynch has more than 30 years of experience overseeing quality, operations, risk management and patient safety at New England-area hospitals and was most recently the director of quality, patient safety and risk management at Saint Anne's Hospital in Fall River, Mass.

"Robin is highly respected throughout the industry as a driven health care professional with a talent for maintaining quality and the highest level of safety for patients," said Mary Moscato, Chief Operating Officer of the organization's Hebrew Rehabilitation Center and Health Care Services divisions. "Her leadership and management expertise will be a strong asset to HSL as we continue to grow and seek new methods for providing the best senior care available."

At Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, Lynch will apply her health care leadership experience to the planning, design and administration of a quality performance improvement initiative at the Dedham and Roslindale campuses. Lynch will also serve on the organization's Quality Council and direct and facilitate integration of the quality functions with infection control, security, safety and regulatory affairs and other areas in daily operations at Hebrew Rehabilitation Center.

"I am excited to be part of such a motivated group of health care professionals who are committed to advancing the level of care for seniors in this country," Lynch said.

At Saint Anne's Hospital, Lynch was responsible for quality and risk management, overseeing infection control and patient relations for the 140 inpatient bed facility with more than 16 satellite locations. While at Saint Anne's she also served as the hospital patient safety officer and patient assessment coordinator for the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine with oversight for all regulatory and state agency reporting. In addition, Lynch was integral in securing the hospital's 2011 awards from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Critical Care Societies for eliminating healthcare-associated infections in ventilator-associated pneumonia, and from Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue for Distinction in total knee replacement.

Prior to joining Saint Anne's Hospital, Lynch was the director for quality and risk management at the MetroWest Medical Center, Tenet and Vanguard Healthcare Systems in Framingham and Natick, Mass., from 2002 to 2006. In this role, Lynch was responsible for more than 400 inpatient beds in a two-campus acute care facility. Before her tenure at MetroWest Medical Center, Tenet and Vanguard Healthcare Systems, Lynch served as the director of care management at The Westerly Hospital in Westerly, R.I. and, prior to that, as the director of nursing education, performance improvement and nursing programs at St. Joseph Healthcare Services of Rhode Island in North Providence, R.I.

Lynch is a member of the Massachusetts Society for Healthcare Risk Management, and the Massachusetts and National Associations for Healthcare Quality. She is also a past chapter president and past executive board member of the National Association for Healthcare Quality.

Lynch received her undergraduate degree in nursing from Rhode Island College and an M.S. in nursing and a certificate of advanced graduate study in administration from Boston University. She currently resides in Cranston, R.I.

About Hebrew Rehabilitation Center

Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School, provides an array of health care services for seniors at locations in Boston and Dedham. Services include long-term care, post-acute care, adult day health, and outpatient services.

About Hebrew SeniorLife

Founded in 1903, Hebrew SeniorLife, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School, is a non-sectarian, nonprofit organization devoted to innovative research, health care, education and housing that improves the lives of seniors. For more information, visit www.hebrewseniorlife.org.

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