

Dominican Hospital Names Physician as President

Dr. Nan Mickiewicz Chosen to Follow Sister Julie Hyer

Since the early 1940s, with only a few brief exceptions, an Adrian Dominican sister has served as president of Dominican Santa Cruz Hospital. On Jun. 14, that changed with Dr. Nanette Mickiewicz was selected as Dominican Hospital's permanent president, following the resignation of Sister Julie Hyer late last year and after a nationwide search for a replacement.

Dr. Mickiewicz had been serving as the interim president since November.

"I'm very proud of the work that we've done as an institution over the past seven months, and I'm very excited thinking about what we can accomplish as we go forward," she said, as part of the hospital's announcement. "I'm ready for the challenge."

For more than 65 years, the Adrian Dominican Sisters of Michigan have sponsored Dominican Hospital. And, since the '80s, Dominican Hospital has been affiliated with Catholic Healthcare West (CHW). It was a CHW and the hospital's local board that coordinated a group, including community constituencies, to help decide who would serve as president.

Dr. Mickiewicz is an infectious disease specialist and has been on staff at Dominican for the past 13 years, serving as the hospital's Chief Medical Officer and a member of the executive leadership team since 2000.

"Dr. Mickiewicz has the perfect combination of clinical experience, organi-

zational expertise and passion for excellence to lead Dominican Hospital into the future," said Diane Siri, chair-

person of the Hospital Community Board.

"She assumes the role of president with the overwhelming support of the local volunteer board, Hospital Foundation, physicians, nurses, staff, Catholic Healthcare West leadership and community."

Since the 1950s, Dominican has never had as much competi-

tion in certain medical markets as it does today, although Dominican is the only facility to offer certain specialty care services and maintains the only emergency department in North County.

Dr. Andrew Nevitt says that the hospital's medical staff supports the decision.

"Dr. Mickiewicz has demonstrated a 'hands-on' leadership style and she sets the tone for her administrative team and the Hospital," he said.

Besides Dominican Hospital, the organization also operates a charitable foundation, partners with doctors in an out-patient surgery center, supports a second acute care center in Santa Cruz specializing in rehabilitation services, and most recently spearheaded the purchase of Western Medical Associates. Dominican boasts 500 physicians on staff, some 500 volunteers in service and about 1,700 employees. ■



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