Mercy Health Names Nick Kreatsoulas as its First System-Wide Chief Medical Officer

(CINCINNATI; February 16, 2016) – Mercy Health, a Catholic Health Ministry serving Ohio and Kentucky, has named Nick Kreatsoulas, DO, FACEP, as Mercy Health’s chief medical officer of acute care services, a new position, and system quality officer, a role he shares with Phyllis Doulaveris, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, CPHQ, the organization’s first-ever chief nurse executive. Kreatsoulas reports to Brent Asplin, MD, Mercy Health Chief Clinical Officer, and assumed his role in November 2015.

“I’m pleased to welcome Nick, an experienced physician leader, to his new role,” said Asplin. “He will work closely with Mercy Health’s other clinical leaders to ensure we optimize the organization’s investment in clinical care. In partnership with Phyllis Doulaveris, he will be accountable for quality and safety programs throughout Mercy Health and he will partner with Mercy Health regional Chief Medical Officers to develop physician leadership capabilities across the acute care environment.”

Dr. Kreatsoulas’ areas of responsibility include acute care quality, patient safety, episodes of care and the reduction of variability in care delivery.

Previously, Dr. Kreatsoulas served as senior vice president of medical affairs, chief medical officer and chief quality officer for Mercy Health’s Youngstown market.

Dr. Kreatsoulas graduated from Kent State University and earned his medical degree at the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his residency in Emergency Medicine Allegheny General Hospital and started at Mercy Health in 1997 in Emergency Medicine at St. Elizabeth in Youngstown and St. Joseph in Warren.

Mercy Health (formerly Catholic Health Partners) is the largest health system in Ohio and one of the largest health systems in the United States, employing more than 32,000 employees in Ohio and Kentucky. With $6 billion in assets, Mercy Health operates about 450 health facilities, including 23 hospitals, eight senior living communities, five hospice programs and seven home health agencies. Truven Health Analytics (formerly Thomson Reuters) consistently rates Mercy Health among the nation’s top health systems for clinical quality and efficiency. In keeping with its mission, Mercy Health provided about $1 million per day in community benefit services. Mercy Health’s bonds are rated AA- by Standard & Poor’s and Fitch, and A1 by Moody’s. Mercy Health also partners with HealthSpan which provides health maintenance organization and insurance coverage. Mercy Health is a founding member of Health Innovations Ohio, which focuses on providing health services that result in higher quality, better health and greater value. For more information, visit www.mercy.com or connect with Mercy Health on Facebook, Google+, Pinterest and Twitter (@LivingMercyHlth).