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Confluence Health Names Dr. Katie Peterson as New Chief Medical Officer

Wenatchee, WA: Confluence Health announced today that Dr. Katie Peterson has been selected as its new chief medical officer (CMO) after being recommended for the role and confirmed by the Confluence Health Board.

Dr. Katie Peterson assumes the role after [former CMO Dr. James Murray transitioned into Confluence Health's new chief physician executive position](#), a role created to strengthen physician leadership in clinical operations and service line performance across the organization. As chief medical officer, Dr. Katie Peterson will help lead Confluence Health's ongoing work to support quality, safety, and medical staff leadership while partnering with operational and executive leaders to ensure patients across North Central Washington receive excellent, coordinated care close to home.

An OB/GYN physician, Dr. Katie Peterson has most recently served in leadership roles focused on value-based care and population health, helping advance efforts to improve coordination, access, and preventive care across the system. In stepping into the CMO role, she brings a strong understanding of both patient care and physician leadership, along with a clear focus on supporting care teams and continuing to build on the organization's work to deliver safe, compassionate care across the region.

"Dr. Katie Peterson brings a thoughtful, steady leadership style along with a strong understanding of both clinical care and the broader work required to improve health across a system," said Dr. Andrew Jones, CEO of Confluence Health. "She has earned the respect of colleagues across our organization and has shown a clear commitment to collaboration, quality, and doing what is right for patients. I'm confident she will serve our physicians, care teams, and community exceptionally well as CMO and will help us continue moving forward together as an organization."

Dr. Jennifer Jorgensen, president of Wenatchee Valley Medical Group, said Dr. Katie Peterson is well suited for a role that requires both physician perspective and systemwide leadership.

"Dr. Katie Peterson is well-suited for this important role because she understands the importance of caring for patients, supporting fellow physicians, and helping teams work well together across a complex organization," Dr. Jorgensen said. "With her years of experience in leadership and as a valued colleague, she brings credibility, insight, and a genuine commitment to improving care for our community. I'm excited to see her step into this role and help lead this next chapter for the region we serve."

About Confluence Health

Confluence Health serves the largest geographic region of any healthcare system in Washington State, covering over 12,000 square miles of Okanogan, Grant, Douglas, and Chelan counties. Confluence Health is one of only two locally-lead healthcare systems in the state with the purpose of maintaining availability and access to high-quality, cost-effective healthcare services for North Central Washington. The Confluence Health Board of Directors provides governance for Confluence Health and includes nine community board members and six physician board members.

About the Wenatchee Valley Medical Group

Wenatchee Valley Medical Group serves North Central Washington as the largest physician group affiliated with Confluence Health. Its history began with the founding of the Wenatchee Valley Clinic (WVC) by three physicians in the

1940s, born from a vision of bringing high-quality, multispecialty, integrated healthcare to the Wenatchee Valley. Over the next 70 years, WVC grew to become Wenatchee Valley Medical Center (WVMC), a large healthcare system that provided care across its four-county region and included 300 physicians in roughly 30 primary care and specialty disciplines. In 2013, WVMC and Central Washington Hospital affiliated to form Confluence Health with the vision to continue to provide high level, comprehensive care locally.

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