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**JOHN HEATON, M.D., APPOINTED CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER
FOR LCMC HEALTH**

New Orleans, LA (October 9, 2017) – Dr. John Heaton has been named Chief Medical Officer for LCMC Health. Dr. Heaton currently serves as Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer for Children’s Hospital.

In this newly created role, Dr. Heaton will be responsible for driving, supporting, and modeling a healthcare delivery system focused on quality, safety, service excellence, and the consistent delivery of an exceptional patient experience at the system’s member hospitals, Children’s Hospital, Touro, University Medical Center, West Jefferson Medical Center and New Orleans East Hospital.

“Dr. Heaton has proven his diplomacy, intelligence, and speed-to-action in System-level initiatives, and his commitment to LCMC Health and the success of our Academic Partners is second to none,” said Greg Feirn, CEO, LCMC Health, in making the announcement. “I am confident that our system will be extremely well-served by Dr. Heaton in his new role.”

An alumnus of the LSU School of Medicine, Dr. Heaton is a diplomate of the American Board of Anesthesiology and holds a Master of Medical Management degree from Carnegie Mellon University. He joined Children’s Hospital as Director of Anesthesiology in 2000, advancing to Associate Medical Director in 2013 and then to Senior Vice President/Chief Medical Officer in 2014. Along the way, Dr. Heaton served in numerous Medical Staff and external organization leadership roles and represented the hospital on several statewide and national committees. As a longstanding clinical faculty member of both LSU and Tulane Medical Schools, he has been a staunch advocate for Children’s Hospital’s role as the premier site for pediatric clinical education in the State of Louisiana.

Dr. Heaton previously served on the Steering Committee of the Health Leader’s Alliance Statewide Clinically Integrated Network, providing guidance as Medical Director to the System-level Anesthesia Services, and as a strategic advisor on various growth initiatives covering the entire continuum of care.

For additional information about LCMC Health or its hospitals, please visit www.lcmchealth.org.

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About LCMC Health

Established in 2009, [LCMC Health](http://www.lcmchealth.org) is a Louisiana-based, not-for-profit hospital system serving the healthcare needs of the Gulf Coast region. LCMC Health currently manages Children's Hospital, Touro, New Orleans East Hospital, University Medical Center New Orleans and West Jefferson Medical Center.