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**Press Release:**

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## **UMC HIRES NEW CHIEF NURSING OFFICER**

**Top Nurse Will Oversee Multiple Departments, Hundreds Of Nurses**

**EL PASO, Texas** – University Medical Center of El Paso has a new “top nurse” today as it announces the hiring of Amyra (Amy) Daher as its new Chief Nursing Officer. Amy most recently was the Assistant Chief Nursing Officer to UMC’s interim Chief Nursing Officer Roxanne Weisendanger, who will become the new Chief Nursing Officer at El Paso Children’s Hospital.



**Amy Daher, MSN**

“I am excited that Amy has accepted this position and is willing to continue and expand her leadership and experience at UMC,” said Jacob Cintron, President & CEO. “This is a time of great need in our community and region as we navigate our current world health challenge. Amy has already shown her ability to lead our nursing team and multiple departments with finesse, well-reasoned decision making and seemingly unending dedication to our hospital and community. Welcome to our leadership team, Amy!”

Amy received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and Master of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Texas at El Paso. Amy replaces Roxanne Weisendanger, who will be the new Chief Nursing Officer at El Paso Children’s Hospital.

“I am so happy for both Amy and Roxanne as they take on ever increasing roles of responsibility and leadership in healthcare,” added Jacob. “Amy will be charged with leading and implementing programs and initiatives that affect thousands of El Pasoans who depend on us for an exceptionally high level of care. I am quite certain she is up to the task and responsibility.”

Amy takes on her new role while UMC continues to lead El Paso in healthcare technology and higher-level care designations.

UMC will miss Roxanne Weisendanger and her leadership as interim Chief Nursing Officer. While in that role, Roxanne’s initiatives and improvements in safety led to UMC’s Level IV Maternal Care designations, UMC’s Level 1 Comprehensive Stroke designation, and most recently, UMC’s receipt of a Grade A for Patient Care and Safety from LeapFrog, a national hospital ratings system. “It’s hard to see Roxanne leave,” said Jacob, “but it’s comforting that she will be only footsteps away at El Paso Children’s Hospital. I know she and Amy will continue to support each other.”



Roxanne Weisendanger, MSN

Both Chief Nursing Officers are widely respected and known at both hospitals and familiar with the necessity for continued hospital partnership and collaboration. “I am so excited about this new opportunity,” said Amy. “We have such a great team, experienced professionals and leaders who make our hospital much more successful. Roxanne has always been a mentor to me and I know she is a short walk or a phone call away, whenever we need each other. Our leadership

team and Jacob have been extremely supportive and it is my hope that I can return that support and continue our progress as El Paso's most advanced hospital."

UMC also announces that Eric Johansen, Assistant Administrator, Emergency Services, will serve as the interim Assistant Chief Nursing Officer until the permanent position is announced. Eric has 6 years' experience throughout UMC and oversees all nursing staff and technicians in the UMC Emergency Department, which includes the UMC's Scherr Legate Level 1 Trauma Center. He also manages UMC's new Emergency Departments in northeast and east El Paso. Both new departments opened in February 2020. He also has extensive experience working with telemetry, cardiac step-down and other departments.



Eric Johansen, MSN  
Interim Assistant CNO

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