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Dr. Kirk N. Garratt Named Medical Director of Christiana Care's Center for Heart & Vascular Health

(NEWARK, Del. – Jan. 12) Kirk N. Garratt, M.Sc, M.D, has been appointed medical director of [Christiana Care Health System](#)'s Center for Heart & Vascular Health. Dr. Garratt succeeds Tim Gardner, M.D., who retired after 12 years of dedication to Christiana Care and the Delaware community.

“Dr. Garratt is a widely-respected leader for his contributions to the field of heart health,” said Janice E. Nevin, M.D., MPH, president and CEO of Christiana Care. “He is deeply committed to preventing cardiovascular disease in our community through screenings and education, and to ensuring that patients at Christiana Care receive exceptional heart and vascular care that is safest and of the highest quality.”

Renown in the field of heart disease for his achievements in the clinical, academic and research aspects of interventional cardiology, Dr. Garratt joined Christiana Care in 2015. He served as associate service line leader of Christiana Care's Heart and Vascular Service Line and was appointed in 2016 as Christiana Care's John H. Ammon Chief of Cardiology.

Dr. Garratt came to Christiana Care from Northwell (formerly Northshore-LIJ) Health System where he served as director of cardiac intervention, cardiovascular research, the interventional cardiovascular fellowship program and associate chair of cardiovascular medicine. Prior to that Dr. Garratt spent 17 years at the Mayo Clinic and was a member of the team of physicians who first performed minimally invasive heart procedures there.

Dr. Garratt also serves as the president of The Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions, which promotes excellence in invasive and interventional cardiovascular medicine through education and representation, and the advancement of quality standards to enhance patient care.

Dr. Garratt also serves on medical advisory boards, task forces and steering committees and presents at conferences and symposiums worldwide. He has participated in clinical research for more than 30 years, authored more than 300 publications and is a reviewer and editor for multiple medical journals.

“Since joining our organization two years ago, Dr. Garratt has spearheaded the development of a number of innovations that have improved patient outcomes,” said Kert F. Anzilotti, M.D., chief medical officer of Acute Care at Christiana Care. “He is equally passionate about helping patients with heart disease return to health and to helping the public learn how to reduce their risk of heart disease.”

About Christiana Care Health System

Christiana Care Health System is one of the country’s largest health care systems, ranking as the 22nd leading hospital in the nation and 11th on the East Coast in terms of admissions. The health system includes The Medical Group of Christiana Care, a network of primary care physicians, medical and surgical specialists as well as home health care, preventive medicine, rehabilitation services and patient/family advisors for core health care services. A not-for-profit teaching hospital affiliated with Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, Christiana Care is recognized as a regional center for excellence in cardiology, cancer and women's health services. Christiana Care has an extensive range of outpatient services and works closely with its medical staff to achieve better health, better access to care and lower cost. Christiana Care is home to Delaware's only Level I trauma center, the highest capability center and the only one of its kind between Philadelphia and Baltimore. Christiana Care features a Level III neonatal intensive care unit, the only delivering hospital in Delaware that offers this highest level of care to the most critically ill newborns. Christiana Care includes two hospitals with 1,100 patient beds.

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