



## **DR. NEIL HALPERN OF MEMORIAL SLOAN KETTERING CANCER CENTER JOINS BOARD OF HEALTHCARE CHAPLAINCY NETWORK**

**NEW YORK, NY (September 7, 2016)**—Neil A. Halpern, M.D., chief of critical care medicine and medical director of respiratory therapy at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York, has joined the board of directors of HealthCare Chaplaincy Network (HCCN).

The New York-based HCCN is a 55-year-old global nonprofit organization that focuses on education, clinical care, and research related to spiritual care in health care. It staffs the chaplaincy departments at several hospitals in New York, including Memorial Sloan Kettering, and provides a wide range of programs and services for both health care professionals and consumers.

“We are delighted that Dr. Halpern is joining HealthCare Chaplaincy Network at a time when more eyes are on the spiritual care component of health care. His rich clinical experience will provide enormous insight as we continue to expand our educational, clinical care and research efforts,” said Rev. Eric J. Hall, HCCN’s president and CEO.

Halpern will serve a three-year term, ending May 2019.

Halpern is also a professor of medicine and anesthesiology at Weill Cornell Medical College; a member of the editorial board of Critical Care Medicine and CHEST; and president of Critical Care Designs, a New York-based consulting firm that assists hospitals in intensive care unit (ICU) design, critical care medicine organization, and point-of-care testing systems implementation. In addition, he is a prolific author and speaker specializing in innovations in ICU design and other critical care topics.

### **About HealthCare Chaplaincy Network™**

HealthCare Chaplaincy Network™ is a global health care nonprofit organization founded in 1961 that offers spiritual-related information and resources, and professional chaplaincy services in hospitals, other health care settings, and online. Its mission is to advance the integration of spiritual care in health care through clinical practice, research and education in order to improve patient experience and satisfaction and to help people faced with illness and grief find comfort and meaning—whoever they are, whatever they believe, wherever they are. For more information, visit [www.healthcarechaplaincy.org](http://www.healthcarechaplaincy.org), call 212-644-1111, and connect with us on twitter and Facebook.

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