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**ELLIOT PROUDLY NAMES MARTHA LEIGHTON, MS RN
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF NURSING OFFICER**

MANCHESTER NH: Doug Dean, CEO of Elliot Health System is pleased to announce the appointment of Martha Leighton, MS RN to the position of Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer.



Martha has been a part of the Elliot family for more than 22 years, serving in a variety of roles including staff nurse, educator, Perinatal Safety Nurse, Clinical Nurse Leader, and from 2013 to 2016, she served as the Patient Safety Officer. For the past year, she has joined the senior leadership team as Interim Chief Nursing Officer.

After obtaining her Master's in Nursing degree from the University of New Hampshire, she worked as a clinical assistant professor at UNH teaching nursing to BSN and Master's nursing students. From 2011 to 2013, she served as faculty for the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's perinatal community. Martha is a Certified Professional in Patient Safety, a certified Just Culture Champion as well as a Master Trainer in TeamSTEPPS.

"As our Chief Nursing Officer, Martha will share her knowledge, skill and experience with clinical teams throughout the health system while mentoring the nurses who are just beginning their careers", Doug Dean, President & CEO said. "Martha's energy and enthusiasm for nursing is evident as she inspires her teams to deliver high quality and compassionate care while focusing on positive patient experiences. She is a natural leader and very committed to the highest level of nursing practice," added Dean.

Martha's current involvement in external healthcare leadership positions includes At-Large Member of the Executive Committee of the New Hampshire Health Care Quality Assurance Commission and the Maternal Mortality Review Board for the State of New Hampshire.

Please join us in welcoming Martha to the Elliot Senior Leadership team.

About Elliot Health System - The largest provider of comprehensive healthcare services in Southern New Hampshire, Elliot Hospital, a 296-bed acute care facility and the first community hospital in the state, serves as the cornerstone of the health system. Elliot is home to Manchester's designated Regional Trauma Center, Elliot Behavioral Health, Elliot Breast Health Center, Elliot Urgent Care, a Level 3 Newborn Intensive Care Unit, Elliot Physician Network, Elliot Regional Cancer Center, Elliot Senior Health Center, Visiting Nurse Association of Manchester and Southern New Hampshire, 1-Day Surgery Center, Elliot Memory & Mobility Center, Elliot Retail Pharmacy, Elliot Medical Centers in Londonderry, Hooksett, and at River's Edge. For more information about any of Elliot's services visit www.elliethospital.org.

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