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Mercy Hospital for Women appoints Dr Gillian Paulsen as Director of Medical Services

From medical student to Director of Medical Services: a lifelong journey of Mercy.

Mercy Health has announced the appointment of Dr Gillian Paulsen MBBS (Hons), MPH, FRANZCOG, AFRACMA as Director of Medical Services at Mercy Hospital for Women.

Dr Paulsen brings more than two decades of connection with Mercy Hospital for Women, having first trained at the organisation as a medical student before progressing through roles as resident doctor, specialist consultant, Head of Unit and, most recently, Clinical Director of Obstetrics.

In her new role, Dr Paulsen will work closely with the Chief Medical Officer to lead the hospital's medical workforce, working closely with clinical leaders and multidisciplinary teams across obstetrics, gynaecology, neonatology, medical imaging and anaesthetics to support care that is safe, connected, effective and personal. She will continue to undertake clinical work, maintaining a direct connection with patients and frontline teams.

“Mercy Hospital for Women is a very special workplace because of its people and their commitment to the community it serves. I'm proud to take on this role and help preserve the legacy that makes Mercy Health such a great place to work, and receive care,” Dr Paulsen said.

“I'm passionate about improving systems and the patient experience, removing any obstacles that get in the way, so our clinicians and teams can focus on their job of providing the safe, connected, effective and personal care that Mercy Hospital for Women is known for.”

Alongside her extensive clinical and leadership experience, Dr Paulsen has undertaken advanced training in medical administration and leadership, achieving Associate Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators and currently completing a Master of Health Leadership and Management.

Mercy Hospital for Women Executive Director Tanya Darrer welcomed the appointment.

“Gill’s deep understanding of our services, her outstanding clinical leadership and her commitment to improving outcomes for the people we serve make her exceptionally well placed to lead our medical workforce,” Ms Darrer said.

This view was echoed by Mercy Health’s Chief Executive, Health Services, Clinton Cummins, who highlighted the values Dr Paulsen brings to the position.

“Having dedicated much of her professional life to Mercy Health, Gill understands what makes our health services so special. She is a collaborative leader who values teamwork, compassion and excellence, and will play an important role in ensuring we continue to provide care that is safe, connected, effective and personal.”

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ABOUT MERCY HEALTH

Mercy Health is a Catholic organisation grounded in a 2,000-year tradition of caring for others. Founded by the Sisters of Mercy, Mercy Health is made up of approximately 12,000 people who provide acute and subacute hospital care, aged care, mental health programs, maternity and specialist women's health services, early parenting services, home care services and health worker training and development.

Mercy Health is proud to be recognised as an Employer of Choice for Gender Equality by the WGEA.

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