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**JORDAN HOSPITAL AND TUFTS MEDICAL CENTER FORM CLINICAL
AFFILIATION TO FURTHER DEVELOP AND ENHANCE EXISTING CLINICAL
PROGRAMS in PLYMOUTH**

PLYMOUTH, Mass. — Jordan Hospital is pleased to announce a clinical affiliation with Tufts Medical Center and its Floating Hospital for Children to strengthen and expand Jordan Hospital's high-quality clinical services, to jointly develop new services, and to provide patients streamlined access to tertiary and quaternary care. Most importantly, the clinical affiliation provides Jordan Hospital and its patients direct access to Tufts Medical Center specialists, technology, and patient education on our Plymouth campus.

The Jordan Hospital Board of Directors and medical staff voted Wednesday to form a clinical partnership with Tufts Medical Center. A formal "Memorandum of Understanding" will be signed in the coming weeks and the clinical affiliation will begin in January.

"Our clinical affiliation is part of Jordan Hospital's long-term strategy of providing and delivering the best healthcare available to individuals living south of Boston and in our service area," says Jordan Hospital President & CEO Peter Holden. Partnering with Tufts Medical Center gives our patients increased access to a top-notch academic medical center and allows Jordan Hospital the opportunity to develop programs with one clinical partner right here in Plymouth."

Tufts Medical Center has worked with Jordan Hospital on other measures including the special-care nursery for infants at Jordan Hospital. Tufts Medical Center neonatologists help care for babies at Jordan and provide expertise when infants need more advanced care in a neonatal intensive care unit. This partnership has enabled many babies from the South Shore to be cared for closer to home, avoiding or shortening stays in Boston.

"At Tufts Medical Center, we believe in providing care to patients in the most appropriate setting. This partnership with Jordan Hospital will benefit South Shore patients by providing their local hospital with an academic partner that is engaged in the latest in research and innovation," said Ellen Zane, President and CEO of Tufts Medical Center. "We look forward to working with Jordan Hospital and its physicians to provide the region with expanded healthcare options."

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With current statewide and national debate on payment and healthcare reform, having a single clinical partner is part of a larger Jordan Hospital strategy to provide the best healthcare south of Boston, improve quality, reduce costs, and to provide a single continuum of care network.

Jordan Hospital

www.jordanhospital.org

Jordan Hospital is a not-for-profit organization serving 12-towns in Plymouth and Barnstable Counties. Established in 1901, Jordan Hospital is a full service, 155-bed, acute care community hospital accredited by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO); the Commission of Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists; the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer, and the American College of Radiology.

Tufts Medical Center

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Tufts Medical Center is an exceptional, not-for-profit, 451-bed academic medical center that is home to both a full-service hospital for adults and Floating Hospital for Children. Conveniently located in downtown Boston, the Medical Center is the principal teaching hospital for Tufts University School of Medicine. Floating Hospital for Children offers a comprehensive range of services from prevention and primary care to the most sophisticated treatment of rare and unusual conditions. The hospital's focus and mission every day is to improve the lives of children and their families.

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