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**Dr. James Mongan to step down as Partners HealthCare CEO in 2010;**  
**Brigham and Women's Dr. Gary Gottlieb named next President and CEO**



*Dr. Gary Gottlieb*

BOSTON – February 25, 2009 – Consistent with a succession plan approved by the Partners HealthCare Board of Directors and James J. Mongan, MD's long standing plan to retire at the end of 2009, the Partners Board has named Brigham and Women's Hospital President Gary L. Gottlieb, MD, MBA as its next President and CEO effective January 1, 2010. Dr. Gottlieb will be the fourth Partners CEO since the organization was founded in 1994.

Dr. Gottlieb will succeed Dr. Mongan, who has led Partners since 2003. Between 1996 and 2003, Dr. Mongan was President of Massachusetts General Hospital.

Dr. Gottlieb has held a number of senior leadership positions since he joined the Partners organization in 1998, as its first Chairman of Partners Psychiatry and Mental Health and Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. He has been President of Brigham and Women's Hospital since 2002. Prior to this, he served as President of North Shore Medical Center from 2000-2002. "Dr. Gottlieb has brought his immense talent and leadership to every facet of the Partners organization -- and to the greater Boston community," said Jack Connors, Jr. Chair of the Partners Board of Directors.

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“At Brigham and Women’s, Dr. Gottlieb has been a strong advocate for advancing patient care and safety initiatives, supporting the hospital’s research community as it opens new doors of discovery in medicine, and guiding an exceptional educational program that will lead the next generation of health care providers,” said Connors.

In addition to his numerous roles nationally in psychiatry and health care, Dr. Gottlieb has been committed to expanding access to care for all members of our community as evidenced by his past role as co-chair of the Mayor’s Task Force to Eliminate Health Disparities; he now serves as chairman of the Private Industry Council, the Mayor’s workforce development board in guiding and building a health care labor force for the future, as well as expanding educational opportunities for young people in Boston.

In making the announcement, Connors commended Dr. Mongan for his extraordinary contributions to Partners since 2003. “Dr. Mongan’s accomplishments during his years as Partners President and CEO are both numerous and significant. Under his leadership, Partners has become a national model of an integrated, academic health care delivery system, committed to quality, access, and cost management. His signature initiative at Partners – High Performance Medicine – has succeeded in bringing 100% of Partners primary care physicians on to an electronic medical record system, reducing medication errors through computerized physician order entry at Partners hospitals, improving care for patients with chronic disease, and developing opportunities to better manage health care costs. His work on behalf of Massachusetts’ landmark Health Reform law, and his role as a national spokesman on issues of access, health care financing, cost and quality for the Commonwealth Foundation Commission on a High Performance Health System has brought energy and renewed hope to the possibility of national health reform and has helped to improve the lives of countless patients, caregivers, and families,” said Connors.

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In 2008, *Modern Physician* named Dr. Mongan the most powerful physician executive in America; last year he received *Modern Healthcare's* CEO IT Achievement Award.

Today's announcement marks the end of a 12 month search process by Partners Board of Directors. Connors said that Dr. Gottlieb was selected unanimously by the Partners Board to which he will report. He acknowledged the work of the search committee and its chair Terrence Murray, former CEO of FleetBoston Financial Corporation and a long-time Partners Director.

**Partners HealthCare** is an integrated health system founded by Brigham and Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital in 1994. In addition to its two academic medical centers, the Partners system includes community and specialty hospitals, community health centers, a physician network, home health and long-term care services, and other health-related entities. Partners founding hospitals Massachusetts General and Brigham and Women's are ranked among the top ten hospitals on *US News and World Report's* Annual Honor Roll. In 2008, Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital and McLean Hospital, both Partners hospitals also ranked among the top hospitals nationally in their specialty. Mass General and Brigham and Women's are the nation's largest independent hospital recipients of NIH research funding. Partners has maintained a strong commitment to the community, last year providing care for 100,000 uninsured and Medicaid patients. Partners is a principal teaching affiliate of Harvard Medical School.

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