

**Mercy Springfield Communities**

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**SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (Nov. 1, 2017)** - Mercy Springfield communicated with its co-workers today that Jon Swope will continue to serve for the foreseeable future as interim president of Mercy Springfield Communities and that Dr. Alan Scarrow will return to practicing medicine full-time as a neurosurgeon.

Dr. Scarrow, who has served as president of Mercy Springfield Communities for the past three years, has been instrumental in Mercy's selection as a center of excellence for what has become a nationally recognized destination medicine program. He has also provided key leadership in Mercy's direct contracts for health care services with area companies, providing greater value for the companies and better health for their employees.

Dr. Scarrow is a highly regarded neurosurgeon and the immediate past president of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, the leading organization in education and innovation, dedicated to advancing neurosurgery. The Springfield community and Mercy appreciate Dr. Scarrow's service as president of Mercy Springfield Communities and are thankful the community will continue to benefit from his talent and skill as a surgeon.

Jon Swope is a 37-year Mercy co-worker who has served the majority of his career in Springfield. He will continue in his role as Mercy Central region president in addition to filling this interim role.

*Mercy Springfield Communities is comprised of Mercy Hospital Springfield, an 866-bed referral center; an orthopedic hospital; a rehab hospital; a children's hospital; five regional hospitals in Lebanon, Aurora, Cassville, Mountain View, Missouri and Berryville, Arkansas; and Mercy Clinic, a physician clinic with nearly 700 doctors and locations throughout the region. It is part of [Mercy](#), named one of the top five large U.S. health systems in 2017 by [Truven](#), an IBM Watson Health company. Mercy serves millions annually and includes 44 acute care and specialty (heart, children's, orthopedic and rehab) hospitals, more than 700 physician practices and outpatient facilities, 40,000 co-workers and more than 2,000 Mercy Clinic physicians in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. Mercy also has outreach ministries in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.*