



## RESEARCH MEDICAL CENTER

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### **HCA MIDWEST HEALTH NAMES ASHLEY MCCLELLAN AS RESEARCH MEDICAL CENTER CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

*Impactful healthcare leader, McClellan will guide Research Medical Center as the hospital continues to grow by offering specialized services to meet the community's growing demand for high-quality, compassionate healthcare.*

**KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI — (July 29, 2019) —** HCA Midwest Health, Kansas City's leading healthcare provider, has named Ashley McClellan as chief executive officer of Research Medical Center. McClellan replaces Jackie DeSouza-Van Blaricum, Research Medical Center's former chief executive officer who served for six years before taking the helm at HCA's Riverside Community Hospital in Riverside, California.

McClellan assumed her responsibilities of the award-winning, full-service, acute-care hospital on July 8, 2019.

A native of Overland Park, Kansas, McClellan began her career with HCA in 2006 as an associate chief operating officer in HCA's COO Development Program. In 2008, she was promoted to chief operating officer of HCA's Medical City Lewisville in Lewisville, Texas, where she went on to become CEO from 2011 through 2015. In 2015, McClellan was named CEO of The Woman's Hospital of Texas in Houston, Texas, also part of the HCA network, and the number one hospital for women and neonatal infants in the state of Texas. For the past four years, McClellan led the hospital to significantly grow pediatric care services, supported record-breaking deliveries and led several significant expansion projects including Labor & Delivery and Neonatal Intensive Centers. Under McClellan's leadership, The Woman's Hospital of Texas initiated a historical master campus expansion project that will expand all services, create a new state-of-the-art medical office building and parking deck.

"Passionate people make excellence happen," says M.L. Lagarde III, HCA Midwest Health president and chief executive officer. "Research Medical Center, with its rich Kansas City history of more than 135 years, is a remarkable organization that's regarded as an invaluable community asset. As the quaternary hospital for HCA Midwest Health, I can think of no one more passionate and committed to delivering superior, patient-centered care than Ashley and look forward to having her make a tremendous impact at Research Medical Center."

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“As I join this extraordinary team,” says McClellan, “I will work tirelessly to build trusting relationships with all stakeholders, including employees, the leadership team, physicians and community leaders, to demonstrate my commitment to continue serving the mission of Research Medical Center and HCA Midwest Health.”

McClellan obtained her Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. She received her Master's in Hospital Administration and Master's in Business Administration from Texas Woman's University. A Fellow and board certified in the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE), McClellan is active in the communities she serves, having held several board positions in Texas, including Southern Methodist University Cox School of Business Alumnae Board. She served as vice chair for the March of Dimes Foundation-Houston Division and chaired the 2018 March for Babies walk.

In addition, McClellan is the American College of Healthcare Executives 2018 Robert S. Hudgens Memorial Award Winner for Young Healthcare Executive of the Year. She has been recognized for the “40 under 40” program by the *Houston Business Journal* (2016), “Houston’s 50 Most Influential Women of 2016” by *Houston Woman Magazine* and 2017 “Breakthrough Woman” by Greater Houston Women’s Chamber of Commerce.

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**About Research Medical Center**

Research Medical Center (RMC)—part of HCA Midwest Health, Kansas City’s leading healthcare provider—serves patients by providing quality healthcare services and access to advanced technology. The hospital, located at 2316 East Meyer Boulevard in Kansas City, Missouri, is one of the region’s leading acute care hospitals. The 590-bed facility features a broad range of specialized, state-of-the-art services including a Level I Trauma Center and Level I Time Critical Diagnosis services for stroke, brain and spinal cord injury and heart attack. Research is home to the region’s first accredited stroke center. Other services include the TIA Clinic, Grossman Burn Center, Liver and Pancreas Institute, Sarah Cannon Cancer Institute, 24-hour Obstetrics and Gynecology Hospitalists and Emergency Room, Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Transplant Institute, fertility specialists, Center for the Relief of Pain, orthopedics, sports medicine and much more. In addition, the 25-acre Research Brookside Campus, located at 6601 Rockhill Road in Kansas City, Mo., includes an outpatient surgery center, many specialty physicians and a comprehensive health and fitness center. Research Medical Center and the Brookside Campus provide 24-hour access to Emergency Services and have many primary care and walk-in care providers who offer preventive and wellness services. For more information about Research Medical Center, visit [researchmedicalcenter.com](http://researchmedicalcenter.com) and [researchbrookside.com](http://researchbrookside.com).

**About HCA Midwest Health**

HCA Midwest Health is the Kansas City area's leading healthcare provider consisting of seven hospitals, outpatient centers, clinics, physician practices, surgery centers and an array of other services to meet the healthcare needs of the greater Kansas City area. HCA Midwest Health is one of the area's largest private sector employers with more than 9,000 employees, the largest provider of charity and uncompensated care, and annually donates more than \$1.2 million to local charities. Since April 2003, HCA Midwest Health has invested more than \$845 million to enhance and expand patient services and has paid more than \$216 million in taxes to local communities. HCA Midwest Health facilities serving the Kansas City area include Belton Regional Medical Center, Centerpoint Medical Center, Lafayette Regional Health Center, Lee's Summit Medical Center, Menorah Medical Center, Overland Park Regional Medical Center, Research Medical Center and Research Psychiatric Center. Midwest Physicians, which is part of HCA Midwest Health, is a network of experienced, multi-specialty physicians located throughout the Greater Kansas City metropolitan area. Midwest Physicians currently represents 344 physicians, including 142 primary care providers and 197 specialists with 80 physician practices providing care in 146 locations to serve the community. The physicians, licensed professionals and support staff who comprise the HCA Midwest Health team are dedicated to improving healthcare in the Greater Kansas City and outlying areas. For more information, visit [hcamidwest.com](http://hcamidwest.com).