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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**Willamette Valley Medical Center CEO Peter Hofstetter to Retire**

*Healthcare veteran plans to step down fall of 2019;  
National search for a replacement underway*

**McMinnville, OR. July 30, 2019** – Willamette Valley Medical Center (WVMC) today announced that its Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Peter Hofstetter, FACHE, will retire this fall, after five years with the facility. A search for Hofstetter's replacement has begun.

"We thank Peter for his leadership and dedication to Willamette Valley Medical Center, our staff, and all the people we serve," said Heather Abe, DO Board Chair. "Peter's passion for healthcare and his inspiring spirit will be greatly missed here, but we wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement. We look forward to working with him to find and onboard a new CEO who will carry on the great foundation he has built and lead WVMC into the next chapter of its future."

Hofstetter joined WVMC in 2014. In his tenure at the hospital, he led initiatives to enhance the delivery of high-quality care, advance outreach to the community, and expand the services available locally by recruiting physicians in critical areas including primary care, surgery, orthopedics, pediatrics, anesthesia, radiation oncology, and obstetrics and gynecology.

A veteran healthcare leader, Hofstetter began his career in the healthcare industry in 1974. Before joining WVMC, he held executive leadership positions at several hospitals, including Holy Cross Hospital in Taos, New Mexico, where he served as CEO for five years; Northwestern Medical Center in St. Albans, Vermont, where he was CEO for 15 years; J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, where he was CEO for six years; and Notre Dame Hospital in Springfield, Vermont, where he was CEO for four years.

Renowned for his leadership, Hofstetter has received two Regents Awards from the American College of Healthcare Executives, which recognize innovation and demonstrated growth, and was named a CEO of the Year by Quorum Health Services. He holds both a master's degree in public administration and bachelor's degrees in biology and hospital administration from American University in Washington, D.C.

"I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to have worked alongside the talented staff and physicians at Willamette Valley Medical Center," said Hofstetter. "WVMC is a wonderful facility dedicated to providing patients with exceptional care. For more than four decades I have had the pleasure of working in hospitals across the nation, but my time at WVMC has, without a doubt, been the pinnacle of my professional career."

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**About Willamette Valley Medical Center**

Located in McMinnville, Oregon, Willamette Valley Medical Center (WVMC) is an 60-bed acute-care, full-service facility, fully accredited by The Joint Commission. WVMC features a 24-hour Emergency Department with round-the-clock imaging and laboratory services, the Joint Replacement Institute, a Critical Care Unit, and a Senior Behavioral Health Services unit. WVMC also provides a host of other services including a full spectrum of inpatient and outpatient Surgical Services, a Family Birthing Center, Endoscopy, Cardiac Catheterization Lab, Cardio Pulmonary Services, Breast Center, and Therapy Services. In addition, the hospital offers specialty services in the H. R. Hoover, MD, Cancer Center and the Wound Care Center. For more information, visit [WillametteValleyMedical.com](http://WillametteValleyMedical.com)