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## **Christiana Care Health System Hosts 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Addiction Medicine Symposium**

**WHAT:** The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Addiction Medicine Symposium: Opportunities & Challenges

**WHEN:** Tuesday, Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

**WHERE:** Christiana Hospital's John H. Ammon Medical Education Center at 4755 Ogletown-Stanton Rd., Newark, Del.

**WHO:**

- Terry Horton, M.D., FACP, FASAM, chief of Addiction Medicine at Christiana Care Health System.
- Wilson M. Compton, M.D., M.P.E., deputy director of the U.S. National Institutes of Health's National Institute on Drug Abuse.
- Delaware Attorney General Matt Denn.
- Donald C. Keister, Jr., founder and board member of atTAcK addiction.
- Cathy McKay, president and CEO of Connections.
- Karyl Thomas Rattay, M.D., MS, director of Delaware's Division of Public Health.
- Rebecca Walker, deputy director of Delaware's Division of Forensic Science (Moderator).

**WHY:** This year's symposium features a panel discussion on federal and state efforts to address the current opioid epidemic. According to the latest data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, opioids were involved in 33,091 in 2015 – including 198 in Delaware that year – and opioid overdoses have quadrupled since 1999. Journalists who would like to attend to this panel discussion can contact Christiana Care's Senior Manager of Media Relations Hiran Ratnayake at (302) 327-3327 or [hkratnayake@christianacare.org](mailto:hkratnayake@christianacare.org).

### **About Christiana Care Health System**

Christiana Care Health System is one of the country's largest health care systems, ranking as the 22nd leading hospital in the nation and 11th on the East Coast in terms of admissions. The health system includes The Medical Group of Christiana Care, a network of primary care physicians, medical and surgical specialists as well as home health care, preventive medicine, rehabilitation

services and patient/family advisors for core health care services. A not-for-profit teaching hospital affiliated with Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, Christiana Care is recognized as a regional center for excellence in cardiology, cancer and women's health services. Christiana Care has an extensive range of outpatient services and works closely with its medical staff to achieve better health, better access to care and lower cost. Christiana Care is home to Delaware's only Level I trauma center, the highest capability center and the only one of its kind between Philadelphia and Baltimore. Christiana Care features a Level III neonatal intensive care unit, the only delivering hospital in Delaware that offers this highest level of care to the most critically ill newborns. Christiana Care includes two hospitals with 1,100 patient beds.

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