

# Civica Rx Names 12 New Founding Members as Additional Health Systems Join to Reduce Chronic Drug Shortages

*Civica Rx has announced that 12 health systems have joined effort to reduce chronic drug shortages of generic medications.*

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, UNITED STATES, January 8, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Civica Rx](#) has

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announced that 12 health systems, representing approximately 250 hospitals across the United States, have joined the new not-for-profit generic drug company as founding members. When combined with hospitals represented by the initial governing members of Civica Rx, approximately 750 U.S. hospitals have joined the mission-driven venture so far, with many more health systems expressing interest.

Civica Rx was established in 2018 by three philanthropies and seven leading health systems that experience first-hand the impact of drug shortages, which have become all too common and affect all aspects of the health care delivery system. The highly-collaborative initiative will

result in lower costs and more predictable supplies of many medicines, helping ensure that patients and their needs come first in the generic drug marketplace.

Civica Rx members drive drug selection decisions to ensure Civica Rx manufactures the medications that are most essential to patient care. The 12 new founding members include:

- Advocate Aurora Health
- Allegheny Health Network
- Baptist Health South Florida
- Franciscan Alliance
- Memorial Hermann Health System
- NYU Langone Health
- Ochsner Health System
- Sanford Health
- Spectrum Health
- St. Luke's University Health Network
- Steward Health Care
- UnityPoint Health

“We are thrilled to welcome these highly-regarded health systems to Civica as founding members,” said Martin VanTrieste, CEO of Civica Rx. “Drug shortages have become a national crisis where patient treatments and surgeries are canceled, delayed or suboptimal. We thank these organizations for joining us to make essential generic medicines accessible and affordable in hospitals across the country.”

Civica Rx expects to bring over 14 hospital-administered generic drugs to hospitals and health

care systems in 2019 as the initial focus of the company's efforts, with many additional medications prioritized by the healthcare systems as the next phase of focus. The company is working towards becoming an FDA approved manufacturer and will either directly manufacture generic drugs or sub-contract manufacturing to trusted supply partners.

These founding members join the previously announced governing members of Civica Rx, which include Catholic Health Initiatives, the Gary and Mary West Foundation, HCA Healthcare, Intermountain Healthcare, Laura & John Arnold Foundation, Mayo Clinic, the Peterson Center on Healthcare, Providence St. Joseph Health, SSM Health, and Trinity Health. Civica Rx is collaborating with the American Hospital Association's (AHA) newly formed AHA Center for Health Innovation to address inquiries about the initiative. Health systems and hospitals may call 800-242-4677 with questions, or visit [www.civicarx.org](http://www.civicarx.org) for information.

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#### About Civica Rx

Civica Rx was established by philanthropies and leading health systems in the U.S. to ensure essential generic medicines are consistently accessible and affordable within a robust and reliable supply chain. Civica Rx, a not-for-profit, non-stock generic drug manufacturing company, acts in the best interest of patients who are at risk during drug shortages that are created by inconsistent, unpredictable, and often unstable market dynamics. As part of Civica Rx's business model, health systems and philanthropy partners determine the drugs that Civica Rx manufactures based largely on the most urgent need. The process for drug selection goes through a newly created Civica Rx Drug Selection Advisory Committee, with medications to manufacture ultimately approved by Civica Rx's governing board.

#### About Advocate Aurora Health

Advocate Aurora Health is the 10th largest not-for-profit, integrated health system in the United States and a leading employer in the Midwest with more than 70,000 team members, including more than 22,000 nurses and the region's largest employed medical staff and home health organization. A national leader in clinical innovation, health outcomes, consumer experience and value-based care, the system serves nearly 3 million patients annually in Illinois and Wisconsin across more than 500 sites of care. Advocate Aurora is engaged in hundreds of clinical trials and research studies, and is nationally recognized for its expertise in cardiology, neurosciences, oncology and pediatrics. To learn more, visit [aah.org](http://aah.org).

#### About Allegheny Health Network

Formed in 2013, Allegheny Health Network is an integrated health care delivery system serving Western Pennsylvania. The network includes eight hospitals (flagship academic medical center Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, Allegheny Valley Hospital in Natrona Heights, Canonsburg Hospital in Canonsburg, Forbes Hospital in Monroeville, Jefferson Hospital in Jefferson Hills, Saint Vincent Hospital in Erie, West Penn Hospital in Pittsburgh, and Westfield Memorial Hospital in Westfield, New York); a comprehensive research institute; Health + Wellness Pavilions; ambulatory surgery centers; an employed physician organization; home- and community-based health services; and a group-purchasing organization. The network employs about 20,000 people, has more than 2,300 physicians on its medical staff, and serves as a clinical campus for Drexel University College of Medicine, Temple University School of Medicine, and the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine.

#### About Baptist Health South Florida

Baptist Health South Florida is the largest healthcare organization in the region, with 10 hospitals

(Baptist Hospital, Baptist Children's Hospital, Bethesda Hospital East, Bethesda Hospital West, Doctors Hospital, Fishermen's Community Hospital, Homestead Hospital, Mariners Hospital, South Miami Hospital and West Kendall Baptist Hospital), more than 40 physician practices, 50 outpatient and urgent care facilities, Baptist Health Medical Group, Baptist Health Quality Network and internationally renowned centers of excellence spanning across Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. A not-for-profit organization supported by philanthropy and committed to our faith-based charitable mission of medical excellence, Baptist Health has more than 19,500 employees and more than 3,000 affiliated physicians. Baptist Health South Florida has been recognized by Fortune as one of the 100 Best Companies to Work For in America and by Ethisphere as one of the World's Most Ethical Companies. For more information, visit <http://BaptistHealth.net/newsroom> and connect with us on Facebook at facebook.com/BaptistHealthSF and on Twitter and Instagram @BaptistHealthSF.

#### About Franciscan Alliance

Franciscan Alliance is one of the largest Catholic health care systems in the Midwest, which includes Franciscan Health, Franciscan Physician Network, Franciscan ACO, Franciscan Health Foundation, Franciscan Insurance Services, Franciscan Home Care, Tonn and Blank, LLC, Hills Insurance, Inc., and Franciscan Corporate Services. Hospitals include: Franciscan Health Crown Point; Franciscan Health Michigan City; Franciscan Health Lafayette East; Franciscan Health Crawfordsville; Franciscan Health Rensselaer; Franciscan Health Indianapolis; Franciscan Health Mooresville; Franciscan Health Carmel; Franciscan Health-Olympia Fields, Ill.; Franciscan Health Dyer; Franciscan Health Hammond; and Franciscan Health Munster.

Franciscan Alliance employs nearly 20,000 health care professionals to provide quality, compassionate care to a service area of 3.7 million people. Founded in 1875 by the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, Franciscan Alliance is devoted to providing care that reflects our mission and values of respect for life, fidelity to mission, compassionate concern, joyful service and Christian stewardship.

#### About Memorial Hermann Health System

At Memorial Hermann, we are all about advancing health. Yours. It begins by redefining healthcare. Our 6,400 affiliated physicians and more than 26,000 employees practice evidence-based medicine with a relentless focus on quality, safety and exceptional service for all patients, consumers and Health Plan members. Our efforts continue to result in national awards and recognition, including for our nationally acclaimed Accountable Care Organization. With a focus on providing enhanced access to care, Memorial Hermann offers Virtual Clinic for digital access and has 300 care delivery sites conveniently located across the Greater Houston area, including our flagship hospital in the world-renowned Texas Medical Center, which serves as the teaching hospital for McGovern Medical School at UTHealth. We have proudly served this community for more than 110 years, and we contribute more than \$588 million annually through school-based health centers and other community benefit programs. Because at Memorial Hermann, the health of our community is always at the center of what we do. Learn more about Memorial Hermann Health System.

#### About NYU Langone Health

NYU Langone Health is a world-class, patient-centered, integrated academic medical center, known for its excellence in clinical care, research, and education. Included in the 200+ locations throughout the New York area are six inpatient locations: Tisch Hospital, its flagship acute-care facility; Kimmel Pavilion, its state-of-the-art healthcare facility, opened in 2018; Rusk Rehabilitation, ranked as one of the top 10 rehabilitation programs in the country; NYU Langone Orthopedic Hospital, a dedicated inpatient orthopedic hospital with all musculoskeletal specialties ranked top 10 in the country; Hassenfeld Children's Hospital at NYU Langone, a comprehensive pediatric hospital supporting a full array of children's health services; and NYU

Langone Hospital—Brooklyn, a full-service teaching hospital and level 1 trauma center located in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. Also part of NYU Langone Health is the Laura and Isaac Perlmutter Cancer Center, a National Cancer Institute–designated cancer center, and NYU School of Medicine, which since 1841 has trained thousands of physicians and scientists who have helped to shape the course of medical history. For more information, go to [nyulangone.org](http://nyulangone.org), and interact with us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram.

#### About Ochsner Health System

Ochsner Health System is Louisiana’s largest non-profit, academic, healthcare system. Driven by a mission to Serve, Heal, Lead, Educate and Innovate, coordinated clinical and hospital patient care is provided across the region by Ochsner’s 40 owned, managed and affiliated hospitals and specialty hospitals, and more than 200 health centers and urgent care centers. Ochsner is the only Louisiana hospital recognized by U.S. News & World Report as a “Best Hospital” across three specialty categories caring for patients from all 50 states and more than 60 countries worldwide each year. Ochsner employs nearly 25,000 employees and over 4,500 employed and affiliated physicians in over 90 medical specialties and subspecialties, and conducts more than 700 clinical research studies. Ochsner Health System is proud to be a tobacco-free environment. For more information, please visit [ochsner.org](http://ochsner.org) and follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

#### About Sanford Health

Sanford Health, one of the largest health systems in the United States, is dedicated to the integrated delivery of health care, genomic medicine, senior care and services, global clinics, research and affordable insurance. Headquartered in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the organization includes 44 hospitals, 1,400 physicians and more than 200 Good Samaritan Society senior care locations in 26 states and nine countries. Nearly \$1 billion in gifts from philanthropist Denny Sanford have transformed how Sanford Health improves the human condition. For information, visit [sanfordhealth.org](http://sanfordhealth.org) or Sanford Health News.

#### About Spectrum Health

Spectrum Health, a not-for-profit, integrated health system, is committed to improving the health and wellness of our communities. We live our mission every day with 31,000 compassionate professionals, 4,200 medical staff experts, 3,200 committed volunteers and a health plan serving 1 million members. Our talented physicians and caregivers are privileged to offer a full continuum of care and wellness services to our communities through 14 hospitals, including Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital, 230 ambulatory sites and telehealth offerings. We pursue health care solutions for today and tomorrow that diversify our offerings. Locally-governed and based in Grand Rapids, Michigan, our health system provided \$459 million in community benefit in the last fiscal year. Thanks to the generosity of our communities, we received \$30 million in philanthropy in the most recent fiscal year to support research, academics, innovation and clinical care. Spectrum Health has been recognized as one of the nation’s 15 Top Health Systems by Truven Health Analytics®, part of IBM Watson Health™.

#### About St. Luke’s University Health Network

Founded in 1872, St. Luke’s University Health Network (SLUHN) is a fully integrated, regional, non-profit system of more than 14,000 employees providing services at 10 hospitals and more than 300 outpatient sites. With annual net revenue greater than \$2 billion, the Network’s service area includes 10 counties in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Dedicated to advancing medical education, St. Luke’s is the preeminent teaching hospital in central-eastern Pennsylvania. In partnership with Temple University, St. Luke’s created the region’s first and only regional medical school campus. It also operates the nation’s longest continuously operating School of Nursing, established in 1884. St. Luke’s is the only health care system in central-eastern Pennsylvania to earn Medicare’s five-star rating (the highest) for quality, efficiency and patient satisfaction. In 2018, St. Luke’s was named a Top Hospital in the Teaching Hospital category by the Leapfrog

Group. It has repeatedly earned the 100 Top Major Teaching Hospital designation from IBM Watson Health (formerly Truven Health Analytics) – six times total and four years in a row including 2018.

#### About Steward Health Care

Steward Health Care is the largest private, for profit physician led health care network in the United States. Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, Steward operates 36 hospitals in the United States and the country of Malta that regularly receive top awards for quality and safety. The company employs approximately 40,000 health care professionals. The Steward network includes multiple urgent care centers and skilled nursing facilities, substantial behavioral health services, over 7,900 beds under management, and approximately 2.2 million full risk covered lives through the company's managed care and health insurance services. The Steward Health Care Network includes five thousand physicians across 800 communities who help to provide more than 12 million patient encounters per year. Steward Medical Group, the company's employed physician group, provides more than six million patient encounters per year. The Steward Hospital Group operates hospitals in Malta and nine states across the U.S., including Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Utah.

#### About UnityPoint Health

UnityPoint Health is one of the nation's largest non-profit, non-denominational integrated health systems. Based in the Midwest, its nearly 40 hospitals, 300 primary care and specialty clinics, 20 home health agencies and 32,000 team members partner to make care easier and more personal for 1.2 million patients across Iowa, western Illinois and southern Wisconsin. A national leader among accountable care organizations, UnityPoint Health is committed to delivering high quality, affordable care that improves the health of the people and communities it serves. To learn more about UnityPoint Health, visit [www.unitypoint.org](http://www.unitypoint.org).

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