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CHA HOLLYWOOD PRESBYTERIAN MEDICAL CENTER APPOINTS ROHIT VARMA, MD, MPH, AS CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

LOS ANGELES—**Feb. 24 2021**—<u>CHA Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center</u> (CHA HPMC), a member of CHA Health Systems, a global network providing a full spectrum of dynamic healthcare services, announced the appointment of Rohit Varma, MD, MPH, as the chief medical officer.

"I am delighted to welcome Rohit as our chief medical officer at this key juncture of our clinical progress and \$400 million campus expansion," said Marcel Loh, chief executive officer. "Rohit brings over three decades of expertise, complementing our current efforts, and I look forward to working closely with Rohit to realize the full potential of our clinical assets and transform CHA HPMC as a key player in the community."

"It is an honor and a privilege to have been selected to serve as chief medical officer, especially during these unprecedented times. It is important for us to do everything we can to help our staff, physicians and patients to aid in weathering the pandemic and supporting them in the best way possible," said Varma. "My longer-term goals include improving the quality of care and health outcomes for our patients and community and to recruit more physicians who bring novel services, treatments, and approaches to care. I look forward to these accomplishments and working with Marcel, CHA Health Systems team, and the CHA HPMC leadership team."

Varma will continue to serve as founding director of the <u>Southern California Eye Institute</u>, part of CHA HPMC. He is an accomplished physician-scientist, and recognized worldwide as a visionary leader in glaucoma and the epidemiology of eye diseases. Varma is an expert on changes in the optic nerve in glaucoma and is also studying new imaging techniques in the early diagnosis of glaucomatous optic nerve damage. Most recently, he was recognized as an ARVO Gold Fellow.

About CHA Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center

<u>CHA Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center</u> (CHA HPMC) is a nationally recognized acute care facility that has cared for Hollywood and its surrounding communities since 1924. Today, CHA HPMC offers comprehensive health care services with a 434-bed acute care facility, including 89 skilled nursing beds. The hospital has a medical staff of more than 500 physicians and specialists, representing 69 specialties and 75 different countries. CHA HPMC embraces the area's diverse, multicultural patient populations by providing all who walk through its doors

quality care in a compassionate manner. It is a member of CHA Health Systems, a dynamic global healthcare organization that provides a full spectrum of services in seven countries around the world, including 25 hospitals and clinics, 30 research and 14 education institutions and 30 bio/pharmaceutical/healthcare companies. For more information, visit http://www.hollywoodpresbyterian.com.

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