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### **New management for the Hirslanden hospitals Clinique La Colline and Clinique des Grangettes**

**Gilles Rufenacht, currently Hospital Manager of the Hirslanden clinics in Geneva, has recently been named as the new CEO of Genève Aéroport. Consequently, Dr. Véronique Lambert, current Head of Clinical Services and Care, has been appointed as Hospital Manager of Clinique des Grangettes, and Sophie Creffield, current Head of Performance Management, as Hospital Manager of Clinique La Colline. The changes will come into force as of 1 July 2024. In their new posts, Véronique Lambert and Sophie Creffield will benefit from the support of a joint management team covering both Hirslanden hospitals in Geneva.**

Véronique Lambert is a qualified specialist in internal medicine and spent around 15 years, starting in 2004, as a Senior Physician in the Adult Emergency Consultation Centre at Clinique des Grangettes. She has also served as a co-founder and manager of group practices of general practitioners. In 2019, Véronique Lambert became Head of Clinical Services and Care at Clinique des Grangettes and, the following year, also at Clinique La Colline.

Sophie Creffield has a degree in corporate governance and the management of healthcare facilities. She worked at the Geneva University Hospitals (HUG) for eleven years, most recently as Operational Director. In this role she was able to play a part in drawing up and implementing the Strategy for Efficiency and Patient Pathways. Between 2015 and 2018 she served as General Director of the Fondation Foyer-Handicap in Geneva. She has been working at Hirslanden Geneva since 2021.

Daniel Liedtke, CEO of the Hirslanden Group and Chairman of the Board of Hirslanden La Colline Grangettes SA, says: 'In Véronique Lambert and Sophie Creffield we have found two hospital managers who know the Hirslanden hospitals in Geneva extremely well due to the positions they have held to date. They will bring all their expertise to bear in continuing to develop Geneva's existing regional integrated care network.'

Gilles Rufenacht is leaving his role as Hospital Manager of the Geneva clinics after many years of service. Under his leadership, Clinique des Grangettes and Clinique La Colline have positioned themselves as key players in the private health sector in the region, and as reliable and collaborative partners of the canton's public hospitals. They now occupy a leading position in a number of medical specialities, and are renowned for both the excellence of their care and the quality of their service.

Daniel Liedtke says: 'On behalf of the Board I would like to convey my sincere thanks to Gilles Rufenacht for his exceptional commitment and his ability to develop innovative projects.'

As a reminder: the two hospitals in Geneva, Clinique des Grangettes and Clinique La Colline, merged in September 2019. Hirslanden's focus lies in the musculoskeletal system, cardiac medicine and surgery, cancer medicine, neuromedicine and obstetrics. The Hirslanden Group is represented in western Switzerland by two hospitals in Lausanne, two in Geneva and one in Biel. In total, Hirslanden runs 17 hospitals across Switzerland, as well as five outpatient surgery units.

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### **About Hirslanden**

Hirslanden is committed to high-quality, responsible, efficient and integrated healthcare, determined by the individual patients themselves. From birth to old age, from prevention to cure – at any time, face-to-face and in digital form – the Hirslanden Group, together with private and public partners, concentrates on the further development of the ‘Continuum of Care’.

Hirslanden differentiates itself from the rest of the market as a system provider with first-class medical and service quality – guaranteed by highly qualified independent specialists with years of experience, excellent nursing care and first-class services. Interdisciplinary medical centres of expertise, specialised institutes and skilled cooperation partners provide optimal, personalised diagnosis and treatment to both inpatients and outpatients, regardless of the complexity of the case.

The Hirslanden Group consists of 17 hospitals in 10 cantons, many of which have an accident and emergency department. It also runs five outpatient surgery units, 19 radiology institutes and six radiotherapy institutes. As of 31 March 2023, the Group has 2 886 partner doctors as well as 11 102 employees, 560 of whom are doctors it employs directly. Hirslanden is the largest medical network in Switzerland. In the financial year 2022–2023, 111 107 patients were treated on an inpatient basis over 465 105 days of care. Of our patients, 51.7% have basic insurance, 27.5% have semi-private insurance, and 20.8% have private insurance. The Hirslanden Group was formed in 1990 following a merger between several hospitals, and is now part of the Mediclinic Group.