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# ORGANISATIONAL AND MANAGEMENT CHANGES AT HIRSLANDEN'S LUCERNE HOSPITALS

Dominik Utiger will be stepping down as Hospital Manager at Hirslanden Klinik St. Anna in Lucerne at the end of May. He held the position for 12 years and will be succeeded by his longstanding deputy Martin Nufer. Dominik Utiger is leaving Klinik St. Anna at his own discretion. The internal medicine specialist is returning to his medical roots and will resume practising as a doctor. At the same time, Hirslanden is continuing to integrate its three Lucerne hospitals in response to the challenges posed by recent healthcare policy developments. In future, the three locations will be led by a single hospital management team. The current Hospital Manager at Hirslanden Klinik Meggen, Andrea Bazzani, will be moving to the Hirslanden Group's corporate office in Zurich at the end of April.

Dominik Utiger (53) has been employed at Klinik St. Anna since 2001 and was appointed Hospital Manager in 2006. He has also been a member of the Hirslanden Private Hospital Group's Operations Commitee since July 2015. Over the past 17 years he has made a major contribution towards the evolution of Klinik St. Anna from a hospital that collaborated exclusively with affiliated doctors to a major regional hospital offering modern, interdisciplinary medical care. As such, his decision to leave Klinik St. Anna was a difficult one. After much deliberation, he has chosen to resign as Hospital Manager. "I was offered the opportunity to join one of my colleague's medical practices and work as a doctor again," says Dominik Utiger. "It's something I've always wanted to do. And because Martin Nufer is the best possible successor for the hospital and he's prepared to take on the role, I believe I made the right decision at the right time." Utiger says he will continue to feel a close connection with Klinik St. Anna and will honour his ongoing duties on various executive boards.

As of 1 June 2018, the new Hospital Manager at Klinik St. Anna will be Martin Nufer (52). He has worked at the hospital since 2007, originally as an internal medicine specialist and Head of the Emergency Department, then in 2012 he became the Medical Director and Deputy Hospital Manager. Martin Nufer is highly qualified in internal medicine and has a further specialisation in emergency medicine. After his studies in Zurich, he spent three years at the renowned Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Boston, where he completed a Master of Science in Management at the Sloan School. Martin Nufer is married and lives with his wife and four children in Adligenswil.

### **Regional medical care networks**

The leadership handover at Klinik St. Anna is representative of the impressive continuity at the hospital's management level. Such stability is of key importance given the current political challenges in the healthcare industry. Developments such as the shift towards outpatient treatment have validated the Hirslanden Group's decision to create regional networks for medical care. In this regard, the Hirslanden locations in Lucerne have been leading the way for years. The hospital in Meggen, which was acquired in 2014, has been successfully integrated into the Hirslanden Group. A new interdisciplinary outpatient centre is currently being added to the medical facility in Lucerne's central train station and is due to be completed by autumn. "The expanded centre will enable us to meet the needs of our patients even better than before," says Martin Nufer. Medical innovation will also be actively promoted at the Lucerne



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locations. According to Martin Nufer, "the Central Swiss population deserves the freedom to choose when it comes to first-class medical care."

In future, the Hirslanden hospitals in Lucerne will continue to become more closely integrated and will be led by a single hospital management team. Andrea Bazzani (37), who has been the Hospital Manager at Hirslanden Klinik Meggen since 2016, will move to the Hirslanden Group's corporate office in Zurich at the end of April. With great energy and determination she successfully oversaw the integration of Klinik Meggen, which was acquired by the Hirslanden Group in 2014, modernised its organisational structure and continually increased the hospital's capacity. Daniel Liedtke, Chief Operating Officer of the Hirslanden Private Hospital Group, believes the foundation has been laid for the ongoing development of the Lucerne locations: "We are building on this foundation in order to create an integrated medical care network in Central Switzerland that will excellently accommodate changing patient requirements."

Dominik Utiger and Martin Nufer are available for media enquiries between 10.30 – 11.30 am and 2.30 – 3.30 pm on the number 041 208 31 16.

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### About the Hirslanden Private Hospital Group

As of 1 July 2017, the Hirslanden Private Hospital Group comprises 17 hospitals in 11 cantons, many of which have an outpatient surgical centre and an Emergency department. The group also operates 4 outpatient clinics, 16 radiology institutes and 4 radiotherapy institutes. The group has over 2000 affiliated doctors and 9920 employees, of whom 484 are permanently employed doctors. Hirslanden is the leading private hospital group and the largest medical network in Switzerland. In the 2016/17 financial year, the group generated turnover of 1,704 million Swiss francs. In the year to 31.3.2017, the group treated over 100,000 patients on 466,000 inpatient days. In insurance terms, the patient mix consists of 44.8 % basic, 31.2 % semi-private, and 24.0 % private insured patients.

The Hirslanden Private Hospital Group is synonymous with first-class medical care delivered by highly qualified medical specialists with years of experience. As a system provider, Hirslanden stands out from the rest of the market: interdisciplinary medical centres of expertise and specialised institutes enable it to offer the best possible individualised treatment, even in highly complex cases. The Hirslanden Private Hospital Group was formed in 1990 through the merger of several Swiss private hospitals. Since 2007 it has been part of the international hospital group Mediclinic International Limited, which is listed on the London Stock Exchange.