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Michael Stettler becomes new Hospital Manager of Hirslanden Klinik Aarau

Michael Stettler will become the new Hospital Manager of Hirslanden Klinik Aarau on 1 March 2024. He succeeds Rolf Gilgen who has managed the hospital on an interim basis since 1 October 2023. Michael Stettler has in-depth management experience and a wide-ranging track record in the healthcare sector.

Michael Stettler (45) has been working for Biel Hospital Centre since June 2012. First as Head of Corporate Development and as Secretary General, then from January 2020 as a member of the hospital management and director of the MEDIN health centre at the railway station, in the establishment and development of which he played a key role. In this function, he was also responsible for the foundation and management of several group practices. Michael Stettler also played a leading part in the development of the outpatient surgery centre at Biel Hospital Centre as well as in the establishment of a comprehensive vaccination and testing service during the Covid-19 pandemic. Before joining Biel Hospital Centre, Michael Stettler worked for the Federal Office of Public Health for four years, most recently as Deputy Head of the Innovation Projects Section.

Michael Stettler holds a Master's degree in Political Science from the University of Lausanne and an Executive Master of Business Administration "Innovation Management" from the Bern University of Applied Sciences. He also attended various further training courses such as a Master of Advanced Studies in "Health Administration MiG" at the University of Bern and a Certificate of Advanced Studies in "eHealth".

Integrated care network

Michael Stettler, a native of Aargau, is taking over the management of Hirslanden Klinik Aarau, Switzerland's most cost-efficient central hospital. It operates various centres of excellence, for example in the fields of cardiac medicine and neuro-medicine, as well as the Aarau Cham Zug Breast Centre which spans several locations. Following various collaborative agreements, for example with the two cantonal hospitals in Aarau (KSA) and Baden (KSB) or also Klinik Barmelweid, the hospital has established a regional integrated care network. This is in line with Hirslanden's corporate strategy of operating a comprehensive medical network in each care region together with partners with a clear focus on excellent integrated care. This is known as the "Continuum of Care" and covers the areas of the musculoskeletal system, cardiac, cancer and neuro-medicine as well as obstetrics.

Stéphan Studer, Chief Operating Officer of the Hirslanden Group, had this to say: "I am very pleased that we were able to recruit Michael Stettler as Hospital Manager of Hirslanden Klinik Aarau. His most urgent task will be the consistent development of the hospital as a leading central hospital in Switzerland, especially against the background of the new Schachenallee hospital construction project." With this new building, Hirslanden Klinik Aarau is creating an even more patient-friendly infrastructure and attractive conditions for employees and partner doctors. "Another focus is also on the expansion of our Continuum of Care, for which Michael Stettler is ideally qualified thanks to his sound management experience in the development and operation of interdisciplinary medical services," added Stéphan Studer.

Michael Stettler will take over the management of Hirslanden Klinik Aarau on 1 March 2024 from Rolf Gilgen who has headed the hospital on an interim basis since 1 October 2023 and will ensure a smooth handover.

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About Hirslanden

Hirslanden is committed to high-quality, responsible and efficiently integrated healthcare that focuses on the needs of the individual. Working together with private and public cooperation partners, the Hirslanden Group prioritises ongoing development of the Continuum of Care concept. From birth to old age, from prevention to healing, Hirslanden is always there, both on a physical and digital level.

Hirslanden differentiates itself from the rest of the market as a service provider with first-class medical and service quality, which is guaranteed by highly qualified independent specialists with years of experience who offer excellent care and services. Interdisciplinary medical centres of expertise, specialised institutes and competent cooperation partners enable optimal, personalised diagnosis and treatment, regardless of case complexity, in both inpatient and outpatient contexts.

The Hirslanden Group operates 17 hospitals in 10 cantons, many of which have an emergency department. It also operates five outpatient surgery centres, 19 radiology and six radiotherapy institutes. The Group has 2,886 partner doctors and 11,102 employees, 560 of whom are permanently employed doctors. Hirslanden is the largest medical network in Switzerland. In the financial year 2022/23 up to the reporting date 31.03.2023, the Hirslanden Group treated 111,107 patients as inpatients on 465,105 care days. The patient mix consists of 51.7% patients with basic insurance, 27.5% with semi-private insurance and 20.8% with private insurance. The Hirslanden Group was formed in 1990 through the merger of several hospitals. It is now part of the Mediclinic Group.