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HRET Selects Lee Sacks as 2018 TRUST Award Recipient

For outstanding achievements in quality care delivery, clinical integration, value, and physician engagement

CHICAGO – June 21, 2018 – The Health Research & Educational Trust (HRET) of the American Hospital Association (AHA) has selected Lee Sacks, M.D., chief medical officer, Advocate Aurora Health, as the recipient of the 2018 TRUST Award.

Established in 2003, the TRUST Award honors individuals who have exhibited visionary leadership in the health care field and symbolize HRET's mission to use research and education to improve health care quality in policy and practice.

“Lee is a nationally recognized expert on quality and value,” said David P. Tilton, chair of the HRET Board of Trustees and senior advisor, Geisinger Health. “As a clinician and health care administrator, he has pioneered innovations in health care delivery, including focusing on evidence-based care and best practices to achieve optimal results and ensure quality care for all patients.”

Dr. Sacks will receive the award at an evening reception on July 26 in San Diego during the AHA Leadership Summit.

As CMO at Advocate Aurora Health, Dr. Sacks is responsible for safety, quality, population health, insurance, claims, and risk management. Previously, he served as the founding CEO of Advocate Health Partners (now Advocate Physician Partners), a clinically integrated network of more than 5,000 physicians coordinating care for 1 million people in commercial, Medicare and Medicaid populations. Prior to that, he served as executive vice president, chief medical officer, of Advocate Health Care (before the merger with Aurora Health Care) since 1997.

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“Lee’s leadership in the field to promote value and meet the challenge of affordability in health care has been courageous and impactful,” said Jay Bhatt, D.O., president of HRET and chief medical officer at the AHA. “His work on clinical integration, physician engagement, and health care delivery innovation has been tremendous and supports the AHA’s commitment to quality, safety, value, and affordability.

Dr. Sacks is a fellow of the Institute of Medicine, Chicago. Prior to the merger that created Advocate in 1995, he served in a variety of executive roles at Lutheran General Health System. He practiced family medicine for 13 years in suburban Chicago

He earned a Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering at the University of Pennsylvania. He received his medical degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine and completed a family practice residency at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, Ill.

This is the 16th TRUST Award, and Dr. Sacks joins a prestigious group of innovative health care leaders who have been recognized, including Atul Gawande, Nancy Schlichting, and Donald Berwick. To learn more about the TRUST Award, visit www.hret.org/trust.

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