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### Summa Health System Names Ben Sutton Senior Vice President

**AKRON, Ohio**, February 4, 2015 – Summa Health System today announced that Ben Sutton has been named senior vice president, Strategy and Performance Management. He began in his new position last month.

In his new role, Sutton, 37, is serving as the organization's chief strategic planning and performance management officer, leading the areas of strategic planning, business development, access and performance management for the System. He is also responsible for the oversight of the System's Lean-Six Sigma program and other process and performance improvement initiatives.

"Ben's talents are extensive, and he brings a comprehensive knowledge of the healthcare industry to this critical role," said Dr. Tom Malone, Summa Health System president and CEO.

"He has been a key contributor to our strategic direction the past few years, and I look forward to his continued insights as he guides our strategies for the future."

Sutton most recently served as Summa's vice president of Integrated Innovations and Strategy, a position he had held for the past three years. Prior to that, he had directed the organization's planning department. Sutton joined Summa in 2006 from Medimetrix Consulting in Cleveland, where he led strategic planning efforts for a wide range of healthcare companies.

Sutton is a 1999 graduate of Denison University. He earned his MBA from Fisher College of Business at The Ohio State University in 2006. He and his wife, Anne, have two children and live in Hudson.

#### About Summa Health System

Summa Health System is one of the largest integrated healthcare delivery systems in Ohio and is one of only two health systems in northeast Ohio accredited by the American College of Radiation. Encompassing a network of hospitals, community health centers, a health plan, a physician-hospital organization, a multi-specialty physician organization, research and the Summa Foundation, Summa is nationally renowned for excellence in patient care and for exceptional approaches to healthcare delivery. Summa's clinical services are consistently recognized by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (Magnet status), *U.S. News and World Report*, Thomson Reuters and The Leapfrog Group. Summa also is a founding partner of the Austen BioInnovation Institute in Akron. For more information, visit [www.summahealth.org](http://www.summahealth.org) or find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/summahealth](https://www.facebook.com/summahealth) and Twitter, [www.twitter.com/summahealth](https://www.twitter.com/summahealth).