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# UTMC sets path forward to serve health care needs of community

Following a thorough review of its clinical operations and the needs of the region, The University of Toledo leadership has determined that The University of Toledo Medical Center will continue to operate in South Toledo serving the community.

The hospital is strong financially, operating near full capacity and able to meet the health care needs of its neighbors. In the coming years, UTMC will strengthen its focus in the areas of primary care and behavioral health.

UTMC will continue to be owned by The University of Toledo and serve as a teaching hospital, providing opportunities for learners from the Colleges of Medicine and Life Sciences, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Nursing, and Health and Human Services.

In 2016, UTMC served approximately 12,000 inpatients, treated 36,000 people in the emergency department and saw more than 250,000 people in affiliated clinics. More than 70 percent of the medical center's patients come from the neighborhoods surrounding the hospital, and serving that population will continue to be a priority for UTMC.

"In a rapidly changing industry such as health care, it was imperative that we take the time to thoroughly review our operations, the community we serve and the dynamics of the healthcare market. We needed to be sure we could successfully adapt to the changing environment we live in and continue to serve our 80,000 neighbors effectively," UT President Sharon L. Gaber said. "We have confidence in our team and we appreciate the patience everyone exhibited while we worked toward determining this path forward."

In the years ahead, UTMC will continue to evolve to respond to changing health care priorities and the needs of the Toledo community.

"Our success is directly related to the efforts and commitment of our more than 2,300

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employees and physicians who work tirelessly to provide high-quality care for our patients,” said Dan Barbee, interim CEO of UTMC. “We are excited about our future and we look forward to continuing to serve this community we know so well.”

**The University of Toledo Medical Center**

*The mission of The University of Toledo Medical Center (UTMC) is to improve the health of the communities and region we serve by providing patient-centered, high-quality care. For more than 50 years the teaching hospital has trained learners to provide compassionate health care. UTMC serves nearly 300,000 patients each year at its 250-bed hospital and affiliated clinics. With an increased focus in the coming years on primary care and behavioral health, UTMC will continue to make our community's health its priority.*

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