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***St. James Hospital Welcomes  
New Chief Nursing Officer***

**HORNELL, NY** – St. James Hospital is pleased to welcome Melissa Rackmil, RN, BSN, MBA, to the role of Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President of Patient Care at St. James Hospital, effective October 1, 2018. Ms. Rackmil joins St. James from Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center, where she was Director of Invasive and Non-Invasive Cardiology and Director of Cardiopulmonary Services.

In her new role, Ms. Rackmil will serve as the nursing executive who oversees the implementation of patient care within St. James Hospital, with a focus on improving quality, safety, and service in patient clinical outcomes. Her responsibilities will include developing methods to provide excellent care, managing clinical and patient standards, developing clinical policies and procedures, providing leadership to nursing staff, and working with leadership to transition clinical services to the new hospital, slated to open in 2020.

According to St. James President & CEO, Bryan O'Donovan, "We are pleased to bring someone of Melissa's caliber to our organization. She has extensive experience in directing outpatient and inpatient services, which will serve us well as we expand our health care model in collaboration with URM and our regional colleagues."

Ms. Rackmil received her Masters of Business Administration from SUNY Buffalo, Bachelor of Nursing from D'Youville College (Buffalo), and Registered Nursing degree from Trocaire College (Buffalo). She also has a Bachelor of Science in Speech Language Pathology from Buffalo State College.

Founded in 1890, St. James Hospital is an affiliate of the University of Rochester Medical Center (URMC), one of the nation's leading academic medical centers. St. James provides a range of inpatient and outpatient services, 24-hour emergency department, general surgery, orthopedics and rehab services, imaging and lab services, walk-in clinic, and a host of outpatient clinics through its URMC affiliation including cardiology, ENT, neurosurgery, neuromedicine, gastroenterology, and more.

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