



# MARTHA'S VINEYARD HOSPITAL

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*An Affiliate of Massachusetts General Hospital and a Member of Partners HealthCare*

## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

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### Agreement Formalized for Martha's Vineyard Hospital to Become an Affiliate of The Massachusetts General Hospital and a Member of Partners HealthCare

The Board of Trustees of Martha's Vineyard Hospital (MVH) and Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) March 1 formalized the agreement for Martha's Vineyard Hospital to become an affiliate of The Massachusetts General Hospital and a member of Partners HealthCare. Nantucket Cottage Hospital also officially became an affiliate of the MGH as well as the Partners system, which includes Brigham and Women's Hospital, Newton-Wellesley Hospital, North Shore Medical Center, Faulkner Hospital, McLean Hospital and Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital.

The final agreement was approved after a review by The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH), which gave the nod to affiliation plans Dec. 19, 2006. The staff report summary presented by the DPH read in part: "The parties believe that combining the hospital services and other activities at the hospital with the resources of MGH and Partners will enhance the hospital's ability to become clinically superior, financially more secure, and better able to respond to the health care needs of its year-round and seasonal island residents."

Joining the board of trustees from the MGH will be MGH president, Peter L. Slavin, MD, Ann L. Prestipino, Senior VP for Surgical and Anesthesia Services and Clinical Development, Andrew Warshaw, MD, Chief of Surgery along with Brent L. Henry, Vice President and General Counsel of Partners HealthCare System.

Martha's Vineyard Hospital President and CEO Timothy J. Walsh said: "We are about to turn another significant corner and head into a very exciting chapter in the hospital's history. Both institutions are committed to ensuring that Martha's Vineyard Hospital remains a healthy and viable community health resource, and we look forward to working with the MGH and Partners to achieve that goal."

Peter L. Slavin, MD, president of the Massachusetts General Hospital, said that the MGH looks forward to working closely with Martha's Vineyard Hospital to build on the relationships that have existed between the institutions for many years. "Ensuring that the full spectrum of high-quality health care services is available to patients and families who live on or visit the islands has been and remains our number one focus," Slavin said. "We are very pleased to be able to work much more closely with the outstanding staff at Martha's Vineyard Hospital to enhance or add those services that will be helpful to the island community."