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North Kansas City Hospital and Meritas Health are now NKC Health

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North Kansas City, MO. (June 12, 2025) — Beginning today, North Kansas City Hospital and Meritas Health are united as one brand, NKC Health™.

You'll notice our new name and new look, but our purpose for rebranding goes much deeper. For nearly 70 years, we've cared for patients and communities as North Kansas City Hospital and Meritas Health. But over time, we've become more than just a hospital — expanding services and specialties, leading innovation to advance treatment and moving forward to meet patients where they are.

As NKC Health, our unified brand reflects who we are now, as well as where we're going as an independent health system committed to shaping the future of care.

"From the very beginning, we've held a simple yet powerful belief: to provide hope and healing to every life we touch," said Stephen Reintjes Sr., MD, president and CEO of NKC Health. "Our new brand is a celebration of the incredible dedication of our team, now united. We share a bold commitment to seek better answers and to honor the trust placed in us by those we impact. We're creating a new path for healthcare, not just for today, but for generations to come."

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The NKC Health brand honors our legacy while signaling a forward focus, ensuring close alignment with our values and the values of those we serve. The name pays homage to our origin with a nod to innovation and growth, and the logo is as warm and welcoming as the kindness and compassion we're famous for.

"We've listened closely to how our brand, culture and values are perceived," said Kristen Guillaume, vice president, chief digital and information officer of NKC Health. "Through thoughtful research, we developed a new brand that better represents us as one system and empowers patients to easily recognize that whether in the hospital or at the clinics, they're cared for by the same trusted team."

Expect to see our NKC Health brand transition over the course of next year. We're excited to move forward together as a unified health system, committed to clinical excellence, better health outcomes and to the brighter futures our community has known for decades.

About NKC Health

North Kansas City Hospital and Meritas Health are now NKC Health. For nearly 70 years, we've worked to improve the health and well-being of patients and families across our region. As NKC Health, we keep that promise every day by bringing innovative, comprehensive care that's always delivered with kindness. With more than 4,700 staff members — including over 600 dedicated physicians — along with specialists and caregivers across 35 locations and counting, we offer everything you need to live your healthiest life. We can't wait to welcome you. For more information, visit nkchealth.org.