

## **Matt Novak Named President of Mease Countryside, Mease Dunedin**

**CLEARWATER, Fla., (Dec. 4, 2018)**— BayCare Health System has named Matt Novak president of Mease Countryside Hospital and Mease Dunedin Hospital. He replaces Lou Galdieri, who recently was selected as president of Morton Plant Hospital and market leader of BayCare's West Region.

Novak has served as president of St. Joseph's Hospital-South since August 2016. In that role, he developed the master campus plan and has led the current expansion while working closely with the hospital staff.

"Through the years, Matt has demonstrated his leadership, commitment to quality and passion for patient care," said Glenn Waters, executive vice president/COO of BayCare Health System. "Matt is a perfect fit to meet the needs of our patients, medical staff and team members."

In his new roles as president of Mease Countryside and Mease Dunedin, Novak is returning to the roots of his career at BayCare. Prior to his appointment as president of St. Joseph's Hospital-South, Novak served as director of operations for Morton Plant Hospital. He started working for the Mease Hospitals in 2002, overseeing marketing, communications and planning.

"Matt has consistently grown and advanced his health care career through opportunities provided within the BayCare system, and this latest promotion is another example," Waters said.

He is a member of the American College of Health Care Executives, the Association of Cancer Executives and the Society for Health Care Strategy and Market Development. He is a graduate of Leadership Pinellas and serves on the Hillsborough Community College Foundation Board of Directors. He has served on the boards of the Clearwater Free Clinic and the West Coast Federal Credit Union.

Novak has a Master of Health Administration degree from the University of Phoenix and a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts from the University of West Florida.

A search for a new president of St. Joseph's Hospital-South will begin immediately, and Novak will assist with the transition.

### **About Morton Plant Mease**

Nationally recognized for health care excellence, Morton Plant Mease Health Care is dedicated to providing community owned health care services that set the standard for high-quality, compassionate care. Morton Plant Mease Health Care is comprised of the following hospitals – Morton Plant, Clearwater; Mease

Dunedin, Dunedin; Mease Countryside, Safety Harbor and Morton Plant North Bay, New Port Richey. For more information about Morton Plant Mease, go to [www.baycare.org/about-us/morton-plant-mease](http://www.baycare.org/about-us/morton-plant-mease).

**About BayCare Health System**

BayCare is a leading not-for-profit health care system that connects individuals and families to a wide range of services at 15 hospitals and hundreds of other convenient locations throughout the Tampa Bay and central Florida regions. Inpatient and outpatient services include acute care, primary care, imaging, laboratory, behavioral health, home care, and wellness. Our mission is to improve the health of all we serve through community-owned, health care services that set the standard for high-quality, compassionate care. For more information, visit BayCare on the Web at [www.BayCare.org](http://www.BayCare.org).