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## Members in the News – September 2016

### Cardiologist Dr. Amr Mohsen joins Northern Nevada Medical Group



**Northern Nevada Medical Center** welcomes interventional cardiologist Amr Mohsen, MD, FACC, to its team of physicians affiliated with Northern Nevada Medical Group. Mohsen specializes in clinical cardiology, interventional cardiology, peripheral arterial, venous, and varicose diseases/interventions.

He earned his medical degree from the University of Alexandria. He was Chief Medical Resident in internal medicine at The George Washington University, Washington, DC. Mohsen completed a fellowship in cardiovascular medicine at the University of Louisville, KY and a subspecialty fellowship in interventional cardiology/peripheral vascular diseases at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He has achieved board certifications in cardiology, vascular medicine, endovascular medicine, echocardiography, nuclear cardiology and internal medicine. He is a registered physician in vascular interpretation.

Mohsen performs the most innovative arterial and venous procedures using the latest technology to treat heart and vascular disease. His approach to treating patients is to individualize a plan of care based on the patient's own expectations and activity level.

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### Pediatrician Dr. Tessa Tavado joins Banner Health Clinic



**Banner Health Clinic** newest pediatrician Dr. Tavado comes to Fallon from Hanford, California.

Dr. Tavado earned her doctor of osteopathic medicine from Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth, TX. She completed a pediatric internship at Driscoll Children's Hospital in Corpus Christi, Texas, and a pediatric residency at the Children's Hospital of Central California, University of California San Francisco in Fresno, Calif.

She specializes in pediatrics with an emphasis on preventive care and acute sick care. "We are excited to be living and working in Fallon," said Dr. Tavado. "Everyone has been so welcoming and friendly to us. It will also be great to serve in a community with such a strong military background."

Dr. Tavado is proficient in Spanish and has built an extensive record of community and volunteer work such as Apache's Angels Foundation, Salvation Army, Cell Phones for Soldiers, Austin Food Bank and Girl Scouts.

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## **Carson Tahoe Long-Term Acute Care Hospital Earns Center of Excellence Designation**

**Carson Tahoe Health's** Long-Term Acute Care Hospital (LTACH) has been granted a 3-year accreditation by the Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality (CIHQ).

Being deemed a "Center of Excellence" is the highest honor that can be bestowed on a CIHQ accredited healthcare organization. Obtaining this prestigious designation means the LTACH combines top-notch clinical care with exceptional patient support programs and the best possible outcomes.

Carson Tahoe's award-winning, 29-bed LTACH provides continuing treatment to patients with clinically complex medical conditions who need acute care for an extended period of time and require a higher level of care that isn't offered by a rehabilitation center, skilled nursing facility, or at home.

"Although accreditation for the LTACH is not required at this time, as a forward-thinking organization, we decided to be proactive by pursuing the accreditation process early," said Kelly Wilcher, CEO of the LTACH, "Receiving the 'Center of Excellence' designation reflects our commitment to providing the highest level of quality healthcare to our community."

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## **Renown Health and DRI Study Aims to Change the Way Nevada Thinks About Health**

**Renown Health** and the Desert Research Institute (DRI) announced a new collaboration with 23andMe a leading personal genetics company, to launch one of the first community-based population health studies in the U.S. that will combine health, population and genetic information with environmental data and return 23andMe genetic results to study participants.

Funded by Renown Health Foundation and Nevada's Knowledge Fund, this pilot study will offer community members the opportunity to volunteer for research while also gaining access to their individual genetic information at no cost.

23andMe's Genotyping Services for Research platform will enable local researchers to review genetic data and health-related survey responses from study participants. Combining genetic data with health and population data from Renown, as well as information from environmental databases, DRI scientists will analyze and model public health risks ranging from disease and illness, to the effects of air quality on the health of Nevadans.

"This collaboration addresses one of the fundamental tensions in medicine: Which is more important nature or nurture?" explained Anthony Slonim, M.D., DrPH, Renown Health president and CEO. "Clearly, both are important and by combining Renown's de-identified health data, such as 300,000 health histories that are five years or longer and patient population demographics, with other determinants, like social and environmental, we can begin to better understand the health and healthcare needs of the people and communities we serve."

"We see this as an innovative approach to population health that will benefit Nevadans, and could serve as a model for other states," said Andy Page, president of 23andMe. "It's exciting to have Renown and DRI, leaders in healthcare and research, come together for a comprehensive study



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of this scale, and to see such a great application of our Genotyping Services for Research platform."

Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval, who announced his participation as one of the first Nevadans to complete 23andMe's simple DNA test as part of this study, said this offers an unprecedented opportunity for residents of the Silver State.

"Nevada's greatest resource is, and always has been, our people," said Governor Sandoval. "Renown's forward-thinking approach to community healthcare, combined with DRI's data and environmental expertise, will create incredible potential for new scientific discoveries and encourage citizens just like myself to take a proactive role in self-care and ultimately change the way we think about our health moving forward."

"This is a very proud moment for DRI and for Nevada, made possible because of Governor Sandoval's vision for innovation through the Knowledge Fund," added Dr. Robert Gagosian, DRI acting president.

Researchers hope to build an infrastructure to apply the population health pilot to all Nevada residents – approximately 2.8 million people. In doing so, researchers could build predictive models and look for significant population health factors across demographic variables such as gender, age, income, location; and distinct population health strata that consider community health, individual health, and chronic disease variables, as well as their interactions.

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## **Banner Churchill Community Hospital Wins Quality Award from State**

**Banner Churchill Community Hospital** was one of three Nevada hospitals honored for high performance in quality care measures and patient satisfaction.

HeathInsight, a nonprofit health care collaborative, presented the 2016 HealthInsight Quality Award at the convention in South Lake Tahoe.

Recipients were chosen based on their performance on inpatient and outpatient process of care measures, a national survey of patients' experience of hospital care and the facility's 30-day readmission data. The data is combined into a single weighted score. Hospitals at or above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile national received the award.

"We are extremely pleased to be able to recognize these hospitals from across the state for their excellence in performance and commitment to person-centered care," said Deborah Huber, HealthInsight Nevada's executive director.

Banner was joined by Renown South Meadows Medical Center in Reno and Mesa View Regional Hospital in Mesquite. BCCH Chief Executive Officer Hoyt Skabelund said he was proud to part of a team that emphasizes quality and patient satisfaction.

"Two of the three hospitals recognized are community hospitals," Skabelund said. "That shows that excellent care exists in smaller facilities for residents so they don't have to drive long distances to large facilities. Congratulations to the team of providers on this accomplishment."



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## Northern Nevada Medical Center Physicians Recognized as Healthcare Heroes

Two **Northern Nevada Medical Center** physicians were recently recognized as Healthcare Heroes by Nevada Business Magazine. Sven Inda, MD, Chair of Emergency Medicine at NNMC, was honored as Physician of the Year. Cardiologist Colin Fuller, MD, FACC, FACP, FSCAI, was recognized with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Inda has been Medical Director for NNMC's Emergency Room since January 2015. He has been instrumental in expediting patient treatment and enhancing quality care. He played an important role in NNMC's accreditation as a Chest Pain Center and its certification as a Primary Stroke Center. Under his leadership, improved protocols have been put in place to care for sepsis and heart attack patients.

Fuller is a cardiologist at Northern Nevada Medical Group. During his 35-year career, Dr. Fuller has become a leading national researcher in sudden death among high school and college athletes. His research has been published in several medical and scientific journals, and his advancements in sports cardiology have led to the establishment of heart baselines and continuous monitoring for athletes at The University of Nevada, Reno.

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## Prestige Care and Carson Tahoe Health Updated Plans for New Senior Living Memory Care Center

**Carson Tahoe Health** released joint plan with Prestige Care, a leader in exceptional senior living and skilled nursing and rehabilitation care, to construct a new senior living community specializing in comprehensive transitional rehabilitation and memory care.

The upcoming two-story, 88,000 square-foot center will have the capacity to treat skilled nursing and rehabilitation patients, and assisted living memory care residents. The Carson Tahoe Care Center will feature Prestige's award-winning memory care program, *Expressions*, as well as a transitional rehabilitation center unit, all backed by clinical expertise to provide a comprehensive care continuum.

"We are eager to be moving forward with the plans for this memory and rehabilitation care community and are happy to be one step closer to enriching the lives of seniors in the Carson City area," said Harold Delamarter, Prestige Care founding partner and CEO. "It is a privilege to do this work and we are fortunate to have an alliance with Carson Tahoe Health who shares our same values-based commitment to quality care."

The new community will serve 134 residents, offering 80 beds for skilled nursing patients and 54 beds for memory care assisted living residents. Approximately 125 total employees will care for the center's residents and families, with 45 of those staff members devoted to the memory care program.

This collaboration and the continued progress of the memory care senior living facility enables Prestige to share their *Expressions* program and rehabilitative care with Nevada residents and expand on its growing family of more than 80 senior care communities.

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## **Nathan Adelson Hospice in Negotiations to Acquire Las Vegas Solaris Hospice Care**

**Nathan Adelson Hospice**, the largest non-profit hospice in Nevada, announced that it has entered into an agreement to acquire Las Vegas Solari Hospice Care, an end-of-life health care organization in Southern Nevada, owned by HealthCare Partners Nevada, LLC.

“We are excited to announce the acquisition of Las Vegas Solari Hospice Care,” said Nathan Adelson Hospice President and CEO Carole Fisher. “As the leader in end-of-life care in Southern Nevada, Nathan Adelson Hospice continues to forge a path forward resulting in improved access for patients and their loved ones. We respect HealthCare Partners’ deep knowledge and passion for providing high quality patient care, and share a commitment to ensuring a seamless transition for patients, families, employees and volunteers. This acquisition strengthens our position in the post-acute continuum and as the hospice of choice in Southern Nevada.”

Bard Coats MD, Market President of HealthCare Partners Nevada, LLC, said, “Throughout the years HealthCare Partners and Nathan Adelson Hospice have worked closely together. Our mutual respect and confidence in one another allows for a seamless transition in the quality of care for our patients and families.”

Nathan Adelson Hospice and Las Vegas Solari Hospice Care are still finalizing the details of the transaction.

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