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### **Emory Healthcare's Heather Dexter elected to Georgia Hospital Association Board of Trustees**

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ATLANTA – Heather Dexter, FACHE, president of the Emory Healthcare Regional Hospital Division, has been elected to the Georgia Hospital Association (GHA) Board of Trustees. The election was held at the association's Annual Meeting of the Assembly earlier this month.

In her new position with the GHA, Dexter will serve as an at-large trustee, where her duties will include working with the board to develop strategies for GHA hospital members, advocating for the highest quality care for patients and supporting adequate reimbursement for hospitals.

"Heather Dexter is an effective health care leader with a strong commitment to enhancing the well-being of patients and the community," says GHA President and CEO Caylee Noggle. "We look forward to her service and leadership on GHA's Board."

At Emory Healthcare, Dexter serves as president of the Regional Hospital Division, which includes oversight of Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital, Emory Johns Creek Hospital, Emory Decatur Hospital, Emory Hillandale Hospital and Emory Long-Term Acute Care Hospital. She also serves as the executive sponsor of Emory's heart and vascular services, as well as imaging and laboratory services.

In her roles at Emory Healthcare, Dexter provides strategic, coordinated oversight for the hospitals, focusing on aligning care and services while sharing best practices across facilities. Before serving in her current role, she held a variety of leadership positions at Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital, including chief executive officer, chief operating officer, and vice president of surgical services, business development and strategic planning.

"I am excited for this opportunity to support GHA and its many initiatives to serve hospitals throughout our state, as we advance the mission of enhancing quality health care in our communities," says Dexter.

Dexter earned a Bachelor of Science in psychology from Vanderbilt University. She received a Master of Science in Healthcare Administration and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She also completed an intensive executive course in Managing Healthcare Delivery at Harvard Business

School. She is a member of the American Hospital Association Regional Policy Board in Region 4.

**About GHA**

Founded in 1929, GHA serves more than 150 hospitals in Georgia and promotes the health and welfare of the public through the development of better hospital care for all Georgia's citizens. The mission of GHA is to advance the health of individuals and communities by serving as the leading advocate for all Georgia hospitals and healthcare systems. GHA represents its members before the General Assembly and Congress, as well as state and federal regulatory agencies, and is an allied member of the American Hospital Association. For more information, please visit [gha.org](http://gha.org).

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