

Transforming Health Education, Research and Clinical Care in the Greater Hartford Region: A Conceptual Framework

1. The University of Connecticut and Hartford Hospital have joined with the other regional hospitals in an unprecedented effort to transform the Connecticut healthcare landscape. Their vision has two key components: the Connecticut Health Collaborative, which will include UConn, Hartford Healthcare Corporation, St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, The Hospital of Central Connecticut, and Connecticut Children's Medical Center; and
2. The Principal Partnership between Hartford Healthcare Corporation (the parent company of Hartford Hospital) and the University of Connecticut Health Center (and its John Dempsey Hospital). Together, these two newly established relationships will bring significant energy, capacity and focus to the enhancement of healthcare delivery, medical education and research, and economic development in the Hartford region and, indeed, the entire state.

The University Hospital will have one medical staff, maintaining the highest standards of clinical care and clinical education. A model for a combined clinical faculty, with a common practice plan, will be developed. This aspect of the partnership will, in many ways, serve as the blueprint for the uniting of two different cultures through a single, shared vision. Employees of the Farmington facility will remain state employees and maintain their rights under collective bargaining agreements where applicable.