March 26, 2021 – Today the international children’s hospital patient safety network, Children’s Hospitals’ Solutions for Patient Safety (SPS), announced the appointment of two new members to its Board of Directors – Kevin Churchwell, M.D. and Terri Von Lehmden.

Kevin B. Churchwell, M.D., is the president and chief operating officer at Boston Children’s Hospital. Effective April 1, he will take on the role of Boston Children’s next chief executive officer. Prior to joining Boston Children’s, Dr. Churchwell was chief executive officer for Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Del. Dr. Churchwell also served as the CEO and executive director for the Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital, part of the Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn. A graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Vanderbilt Medical School in Nashville, Dr. Churchwell completed his pediatric residency and a clinical fellowship in Pediatric Critical Care at Boston Children’s Hospital. He is currently an associate professor of pediatric anesthesia at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Churchwell is also the Robert and Dana Smith Associate Professor of Anesthesia at Harvard Medical School.

Terri Von Lehmden is the vice president of human resources for Toyota North America. She has been with Toyota since 2004, and currently leads a team of strategic advisors who are tasked with driving transformative change that supports Toyota’s evolving business needs, compensation, talent development, training, HR strategy and communications, and organizational effectiveness. As a key member of the company’s Planning Management Office, she helped lead Toyota’s consolidation of its U.S. affiliate operations and the relocation of its offices to a new state-of-the-art headquarters in Plano, Texas — one of the most significant corporate transformations in U.S. history. An Ohio native, Terri received a Bachelor of Science in human resource management and small business management from the University of Findlay, as well as a Master of Business Administration from the University of Toledo. She is a certified Professional in Human Resources® leader and a member of the Society for Human Resource Management. Terri also serves on the board for the Toyota USA Foundation, a separate charitable organization dedicated to STEM education. She also serves on Toyota’s Audit Committee and Toyota’s Compliance and Risk Committee. In 2019, Automotive News selected her as one of its “Rising Stars.”

Churchwell and Von Lehmden will assume the seats previously held by Sandra Fenwick, retiring CEO of Boston Children’s Hospital and George Barrett, retired CEO of Cardinal Health, Inc., who both finished their service terms on the board this month. Both Barrett and Fenwick served for 6 years.

“We are thrilled to welcome Terri and Kevin to the SPS board. Their background, expertise and vast experience in their perspective fields will be integral as we continue to transform pediatric patient safety,” said Nicholas Lashutka, president and chief executive officer for SPS. “I also want to thank Sandra and George for their service – the vision they brought to SPS was truly outstanding and their leadership pushed us beyond our comfort zone, accelerated our progress, and saved countless children’s lives in the process.”

The Children’s Hospitals’ Solutions for Patient Safety (SPS) network is an unparalleled, collaborative effort among children’s hospitals working to transform pediatric patient safety in pursuit of the vision that no child will ever experience serious harm while in their care. The SPS is a network of more than 145 children’s hospitals from the United States and Canada. The SPS network’s efforts have saved 18,080 children from serious harm and led to an estimated savings of more than $421.8 million, with consistent progress toward the goal of eliminating serious harm. The hospitals in the network share information and data regularly to learn best practices that are then spread across the network and shared publicly, along with results, on the network’s website.

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