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Sutter Health Appoints New Chief Operating Officer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. November 11, 2011 – Sutter Health today named longtime Sutter executive Sarah Krevans chief operating officer (COO) for the Sacramento-based, not-for-profit health care network. The COO role has been vacant since Sutter Health President and CEO Pat Fry left the position in 2005.

Krevans, who assumes her new role in January 2012, will oversee the operations of Sutter Health's five Northern California regions and the Sutter Care at Home network of home health and hospice services. She also will provide senior executive oversight of Sutter Health's ongoing multi-billion-dollar facility investments which [include replacement hospitals under construction](#) in Sacramento, Castro Valley, Oakland and Santa Rosa. The network plans another new hospital in San Francisco.

The appointment of Krevans comes as Sutter Health and other health care providers work to redesign the delivery of health care against the complex regulatory backdrop of federal health reform and associated reimbursement reductions from government payers. She also will assume responsibility for a \$300 million cost reduction effort already under way within Sutter's systemwide administrative functions.

"Health care reform emphasizes stronger integration between health care services that better serve patients and that reduce cost," said Fry. "Sarah has an impressive track record of bringing together doctors, hospitals and other providers to improve clinical quality and access to care while also making health care more affordable for consumers."

Prior to joining Sutter Health in 1999, Krevans was a Northern California-based executive with Kaiser Permanente for more than a decade. She earlier served as deputy director in the Bureau of Medical Services for the state of Maine.

As President of Sutter Health's Sacramento Sierra Region for the past several years, Krevans developed and oversaw a provider network that rivals the size of many health care systems. Under her leadership, care and service delivery became highly integrated and the region enhanced its clinical quality. Her region opened [new points of access](#) for patients and [improved and replaced facilities](#). Krevans also united separate physician organizations in Solano, Yolo, Sutter, Yuba, Placer and Sacramento Counties into a single medical foundation — Sutter Medical Foundation.

In 2011, Krevans was named [Woman of the Year by](#) Northern California's Women Healthcare Executives and Humanitarian of the Year by UCP Sacramento.

In the past year alone, four hospitals in the Sacramento Sierra Region received coveted [Certificates of Excellence](#) from the California Hospital Assessment and Reporting Task Force (CHART). Three of the region's affiliated medical groups were honored this year as among California's [top performing physician organizations](#).

Krevans holds master's degrees in both business administration and public health from the University of California, Berkeley and a bachelor's degree from Boston University.

About Sutter Health

Serving patients and their families in more than 100 Northern California cities and towns, Sutter Health doctors, not-for-profit hospitals and other health care service providers share resources and expertise to advance health care quality and access. The Sutter Medical Network includes many of California's top-performing, highest quality physician organizations as measured annually by the Integrated Healthcare Association. Sutter-affiliated hospitals are regional leaders in cardiac care, women's and children's services, cancer care, orthopedics and advanced patient safety technology.

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