

Laura Robertson named CEO of new Banner Health hospital in Chandler

Robertson to continue as CEO of Banner Desert and Cardon Children's

CHANDLER, Ariz. – Banner Health announced that Laura Robertson has accepted the additional role as CEO of Banner Ocotillo Medical Center in Chandler, Ariz., while continuing to serve as CEO of Banner Desert Medical Center and Banner Children's at Cardon Children's Medical Center in Mesa.

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Robertson began her career as a cardiac critical care nurse at Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center, now Banner - University Medical Center Phoenix. She transferred to Banner Heart Hospital, where she served in various leadership roles, including associate administrator, chief nursing officer and CEO. Laura also served as CEO of Banner Baywood Medical Center and, eventually, assumed the CEO role of both Banner Heart Hospital and Banner Baywood.

Todd Werner, president, Banner Health Arizona Region, said, “At Banner, we take pride in developing and identifying top talent to fill positions from within the organization. Laura is a great example of our ability to do just that. Laura has been a leader and change agent in Banner for 25 years.”

Werner said Robertson has demonstrated the ability to lead large complex organizations and inspire those around her. “She leads with passion, commitment, integrity and with patients and customers at the center of all decisions,” he said. “The addition of Banner Ocotillo under her scope of responsibilities fits nicely with the services provided by Banner Desert and Cardon Children's, and further builds upon the already established relationships we have with our employed and community physicians and advanced practice providers in this area.

Banner Ocotillo is slated to open in 2020. The hospital will have 120 patient beds and offer imaging, surgery, labor and delivery, intensive care and an emergency department. It will be adjacent to the existing Banner Health Center in Chandler, located on the southeast corner of Alma School Road and the Loop 202 Santan Freeway. Banner Ocotillo builds upon Banner's existing presence in the East Valley and will ensure those who seek care have conveniently located resources and expertise in their own neighborhood.

Robertson will identify those who will fill other senior leadership roles to support Banner Ocotillo Medical Center, in a phased approach.

Headquartered in Arizona, Banner Health is one of the largest nonprofit health care systems in the country. The system owns and operates 28 acute-care hospitals, Banner Health Network, Banner - University Medicine, academic and employed physician groups, long-term care centers, outpatient surgery centers and an array of other services; including Banner Urgent Care, family clinics, home care and hospice services, pharmacies and a nursing registry. Banner Health is in six states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Nebraska, Nevada and Wyoming. For more information, visit www.BannerHealth.com.

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