Mount Sinai Launches New Department of Health System Design and Global Health

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New York, NY (PRWEB) June 08, 2016 -- The Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai announced today the creation of the Department of Health System Design and Global Health, the first in the nation to leverage the strengths of a major U.S. health care system to learn from, and contribute to, global health systems.

Prabhjot Singh, MD, PhD, who will serve as the Department’s inaugural Chair, will also continue his role as Director of The Arnhold Institute for Global Health at Mount Sinai. The Department and The Arnhold Institute will work closely together.

The Department will be shaped by and directly influence the design of the Mount Sinai Health System through collaboration with executive and hospital leadership. Together, they will evaluate current health system designs, anticipate future needs, and deploy a new generation of health-improving systems. The Department’s output will also create opportunities for health systems around the globe to learn from and potentially adopt these innovations.

“The launch of the new Department showcasing the work of Dr. Singh and his team demonstrate Mount Sinai’s unwavering commitment to designing innovative and value-based care models, and to training the next generation of health system strategists and leaders who can think globally to ensure innovative, proactive solutions well into the future,” said Dennis S. Charney, MD, the Anne and Joel Ehrenkranz Dean of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and President for Academic Affairs, Mount Sinai Health System.

“For too long, there have been barriers between U.S. health systems and the world around us,” Dr. Singh said. “We face common challenges of delivering low-cost, high-quality health care at scale, addressing structural inequities, and finding sustainable ways to participate in the work of building healthy places. Our new Department, in conjunction with The Arnhold Institute for Global Health, will focus on training practitioners, designing new methods and developing solutions that collapse this barrier. The groundswell of interest from across the Mount Sinai Health System and Icahn School of Medicine signals a promising future.”

Specific goals of the new Department include pursuing health system design and transformation strategies for the Mount Sinai Health System and health systems worldwide, designing “next generation” care models, prototyping cost-effective business models to accelerate them, and pioneering data-driven methods and user-centric technologies to scale them. Emphasis will also be placed on recruiting faculty with diverse interests and expertise in economic and policy analysis, operations research, data science, interaction design, and other relevant fields, as well as unifying faculty across the Health System who are involved in, or wish to be involved in, health system design and development.

Dr. Singh was recruited to the Icahn School of Medicine in 2015 from Columbia University, where he was Director of Systems Design at the Earth Institute and a faculty member in International and Public Affairs. He has a PhD in neural and genetic systems from The Rockefeller University and a medical degree from Weill Cornell Medical College, and completed fellowship training in sustainable development at Columbia
University, and an internal medicine residency at Mount Sinai.

The Department of Health System Design and Global Health will collaborate with Icahn School of Medicine institutes, departments, and hospitals as well as Health System entities including the Departments of Medicine and Population Health Science and Policy, the Icahn Institute for Genomics and Multiscale Biology, Institute for Health Care Delivery Science, Institute for Next Generation Healthcare, and Mount Sinai Health Partners.

About the Mount Sinai Health System
The Mount Sinai Health System is an integrated health system committed to providing distinguished care, conducting transformative research, and advancing biomedical education. Structured around seven hospital campuses and a single medical school, the Health System has an extensive ambulatory network and a range of inpatient and outpatient services—from community-based facilities to tertiary and quaternary care.

The System includes approximately 7,000 primary and specialty care physicians; 12 joint-venture ambulatory surgery centers; more than 140 ambulatory practices throughout the five boroughs of New York City, Westchester, Long Island, and Florida; and 31 affiliated community health centers. Physicians are affiliated with the renowned Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, which is ranked among the highest in the nation in National Institutes of Health funding per investigator. The Mount Sinai Hospital is ranked as one of the nation’s top 10 hospitals in Geriatrics, Cardiology/Heart Surgery, and Gastroenterology, and is in the top 25 in five other specialties in the 2015-2016 “Best Hospitals” issue of U.S. News & World Report. Mount Sinai’s Kravis Children’s Hospital also is ranked in seven out of ten pediatric specialties by U.S. News & World Report. The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary of Mount Sinai is ranked 11th nationally for Ophthalmology, while Mount Sinai Beth Israel is ranked regionally.

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About the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
The Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai is an international leader in medical and scientific training, biomedical research, and patient care. It is the medical school for the Mount Sinai Health System, an integrated health care system which includes seven hospitals and an expanding ambulatory network serving approximately 4 million patients per year.

The School has more than 1,800 students in MD, PhD, and Master’s programs and post-doctoral fellowships; more than 5,600 faculty members; over 2,000 residents and fellows; and 23 clinical and research institutes and 34 academic departments. It is ranked among the highest in the nation in National Institutes of Health funding per principal investigator. The School was the first medical school in the country to create a progressive admissions approach for students who seek early assurance of admission through the FlexMed program.

The Graduate School of Biomedical Science trains PhD and MD/PhD students, and offers master’s-level programs in areas such as genetic counseling, clinical research, biomedical sciences, and public health, and an online master’s degree in health care delivery leadership. The seamless connections between our medical school, graduate school, and hospital campuses provide an extraordinary environment for translating scientific discoveries into clinical treatments.

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About the Arnhold Institute for Global Health
The Arnhold Institute for Global Health at the Icahn School of Medicine, Mount Sinai Health System, seeks to improve the health of people and the communities they live in, both in the U.S. and abroad. The Arnhold Institute serves as a global arm of the Mount Sinai Health System, leading research on the design of more equitable and effective care models that are disseminated through digital products, training systems and input on policy design.

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