STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) is one of the nation’s longest serving and most prestigious academic medical centers. Through its historic bond with Vanderbilt University, VUMC cultivates distinguished research and educational programs to advance a clinical enterprise that provides compassionate and personalized care and support for millions of patients and family members each year. World-leading academic departments and comprehensive centers of excellence pursue scientific discoveries and transformational educational and clinical advances across the entire spectrum of health and disease.

VUMC’s leadership in the delivery of academically based health care is recognized by the nation’s most trusted advisory bodies and reporting organizations including the National Academies, the Magnet Recognition Program, U.S. News & World Report, the Leapfrog Group, Truven Health Analytics and others. Our Schools of Medicine and Nursing and residency training programs are consistently among the most selective, and are valued for their innovation and capacity to transform the educational experience, while the breadth of our scientific discovery is propelled by a research enterprise that is consistently ranked among the nation’s top 10.

Our Mission

Through the exceptional capabilities and caring spirit of its people, VUMC leads in the delivery of exemplary health care, improving the lives of individuals and communities regionally, nationally and internationally. We combine transformative educational programs, compelling scientific discoveries, and distinctive personalized care to achieve this goal.

Our Strategic Commitments

- **We will sustain a collaborative community** fully committed to supporting one another, our patients and their families.

- **We will deliver the highest quality and safest health care** in a seamless manner that always places our patients and their families first.

- **We will personalize the care of every patient**, fully leveraging our knowledge, values and strength in science and technology.

- **We will invest continuously in the capabilities of our people**, helping each of us realize our goals and potential.

- **We will advance the knowledge of human health** through a commitment to research, a passion for learning, and an unyielding pursuit of better ways to deliver care.

- **We will improve the effectiveness and efficiency of everything we do** to achieve greater value for those we serve.

- **We will provide prompt and continuous access** for our patients and colleagues throughout VUMC and the Vanderbilt Health Affiliated Network.