

2022 NCHL International Healthcare Leadership Award Recipient Announced

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CHICAGO, October 18, 2022 – The National Center for Healthcare Leadership (NCHL) is thrilled to share that Charles "Chuck" Bogosta, president of University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) International, has been named the 2022 NCHL International Healthcare Leadership Award recipient.

NCHL is dedicated to advancing healthcare leadership and organizational excellence by building diverse, inclusive, and collaborative relationships in the US and abroad. Inclusion of the term “in the US and abroad” in this mission statement is intentional, as a significant portion of NCHL’s portfolio of activities focuses on and supports US healthcare organizations that work with international patients; providers; hospitals; governments; and other partners from around the world. The [NCHL International Healthcare Leadership Award](#) honors a leader whose commitment, values, and contributions have made a significant and positive impact on the provision of healthcare across international borders.

Mr. Bogosta will be honored during the upcoming NCHL Awards Luncheon, which will take place on Tuesday, November 15, during the [2022 NCHL All-Member Conference](#) at the Westin River North in Chicago.

Mr. Bogosta, who has served as president of UPMC's international operations for 15 years, is responsible for UPMC's international growth from a single transplant hospital in Italy to the global powerhouse that it is today. Because of his leadership, UPMC serves as a blueprint for other health systems looking to expand overseas and has impacted the lives of hundreds of thousands of patients well beyond the boundaries of Western Pennsylvania. Under Mr. Bogosta's leadership, UPMC's international division has become one of the largest and most experienced teams of international healthcare providers and consultants around the world, partnering with regional and national governments, regulators, private companies, and others to expand access to high-quality care close to home for the patients they serve. During Mr. Bogosta's tenure leading UPMC International, he has launched projects that have spanned more than a dozen countries. Each of these ventures has required the transfer of UPMC expertise in areas ranging from clinical care and research to information technology services and administrative operations.

UPMC has long held a unique place among US healthcare institutions operating in international markets. Since the launch of UPMC's transplant hospital, the Istituto Mediterraneo per i Trapianti e Terapie ad Alta Specializzazione (ISMETT), in partnership with the Region of Sicily in 1997, UPMC has taken a distinctive approach as an overseas operator by owning and managing facilities, employing physicians and staff, and making long-term investments to keep patients in their local regions as opposed to focusing on bringing patients to the US for treatment. Indeed, UPMC International has embarked on dozens of global ventures, many of which have been concentrated in Italy, Ireland, China, and Kazakhstan. With a staff of more than 2,000 people across its operations, UPMC International has developed ISMETT into one of the leading transplant and high-specialty centers in all of Europe; opened radiotherapy centers in Italy and Ireland to offer cancer patients the most advanced, evidence-based treatments not previously available in their regions; begun preparations for the creation of a true academic medical center in Kazakhstan; and laid the groundwork for the opening of the first major hospital in China to be managed by a leading American academic medical center. Driven by Mr. Bogosta's vision, UPMC International leverages the strengths and breadth of the entire UPMC health system, integrating clinical service lines around the world to reflect the standards set by UPMC for clinical quality and patient experience.

UPMC has been a world-renowned leader in transplant services for over 40 years and, through innovative and thoughtful planning, implementation, and management, has been able to extend this program nearly 5,000 miles from Pittsburgh to Palermo. Performing more than 2,700 transplants since its start, ISMETT is rated among the best in Italy and in Europe based on 30-day mortality rates and is a leader in living-donor liver transplants. This public-private partnership has been so successful that the Italian government has committed additional funds both for a new biomedical research center in

Sicily, to be managed by UPMC, and a new 256-bed hospital, dubbed “ISMETT 2,” that will continue the extensive transplantation programs and highly specialized therapies that served more than 2,600 patients last year. The new hospital will add advanced programs in oncology, orthopedics, and neuroscience, expanding the range of treatments available to patients in Sicily. Under Mr. Bogosta's guidance, the clinical excellence and bold vision exemplified by ISMETT have been translated to every other country that UPMC serves.

In Ireland and Italy, Mr. Bogosta, who also previously served as president of UPMC Hillman Cancer Center, has extended the UPMC Hillman network to Italy and Ireland by building four radiation oncology centers, bringing the most advanced treatments close to home for patients who previously had to travel for hours to access them. UPMC's globally acclaimed approach to individualized concussion care, developed in Pittsburgh, is the foundation of the UPMC Concussion Network that serves patients across Ireland. At the same time, UPMC International has acquired hospitals in Waterford, Clane, and Kilkenny, integrating numerous clinical services into UPMC's system for providing high-quality, evidence-based care that rapidly benefits from cutting-edge research. In perhaps UPMC's most ambitious international project to date, the team led by Mr. Bogosta is preparing to activate a 500-bed general hospital in Chengdu, China. It is the first hospital in that country to be modeled after and managed by a leading American academic medical center.

As UPMC's scope and scale have grown, Mr. Bogosta made the decision to invest in leadership capital and infrastructure beyond UPMC's headquarters in Pittsburgh. In addition to an exceptional international management team that spans UPMC's global footprint, this infrastructure includes the Global Technology Operations Center, based in Ireland, which gives UPMC the unique ability to accommodate regulatory, cultural, and language requirements across all of its sites.

“Mr. Bogosta is a champion of expanding global access to US expertise in healthcare,” said LeAnn Swanson, chief executive officer of NCHL. “Given that NCHL's mission and work are dedicated to advancing healthcare leadership and organizational excellence by building diverse, inclusive, and collaborative relationships in the US and abroad, we are thrilled to honor a leader whose vision has helped transform UPMC into a truly integrated, global healthcare system that is committed to providing high-quality care to patients around the world.”

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