



Bassett Healthcare Network

# BASSETT HEALTHCARE NETWORK AND MASONIC MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE COLLABORATE TO IMPROVE HEALTH

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**COOPERSTOWN, N.Y.** – Bassett Healthcare Network and the Masonic Medical Research Institute (MMRI) in Utica, NY announced that the two organizations will begin a new collaborative initiative to further the advancement of health research and outcomes in Central New York and beyond.

“We are thrilled to be collaborating with the MMRI. Bassett and MMRI share a common mission to improve the health and quality of life for all who live in our communities, have a long history of groundbreaking medical research, and a commitment to Central New York,” said Tommy Ibrahim, MD, MHA, President and CEO of Bassett Healthcare Network. “By leveraging each of our strengths, I am confident that this new relationship will lead to discoveries in science and medicine that we could not have achieved independently.”

Over the coming months, the two organizations will work together to identify ways that they can better help local communities.

“Partnering with Bassett Healthcare Network and the Bassett Research Institute is an exciting step forward for our organizations and our community,” said Maria Kontaridis, Ph.D., Executive Director, Gordon K. Moe Professor and Chair of Biomedical Research and Translational Medicine for MMRI.

“We are looking forward to the great things we will accomplish together.”

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## **About Bassett Healthcare Network**

Bassett Healthcare Network is an integrated health system that provides care and services to people living in a 5,600 square mile region in upstate New York. The organization includes five corporately affiliated hospitals, over two dozen community-based health centers, more than 20 school-based health centers, two skilled nursing facilities, and other health partners in related fields. To learn more about services available throughout the Bassett Healthcare Network, visit [www.bassett.org](http://www.bassett.org). Follow Bassett on Facebook at [facebook.com/Bassett.Network](https://facebook.com/Bassett.Network).

## **About the Masonic Medical Research Institute**

The Masonic Medical Research Institute (MMRI) is dedicated to scientific research that improves the health and quality of life for all. We strive to conduct high quality research aimed at developing a deep understanding of diseases and generating innovative cures and treatments. Founded by the

Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the State of New York, the MMRI embodies the Masonic principles of relief, charity, and truth.