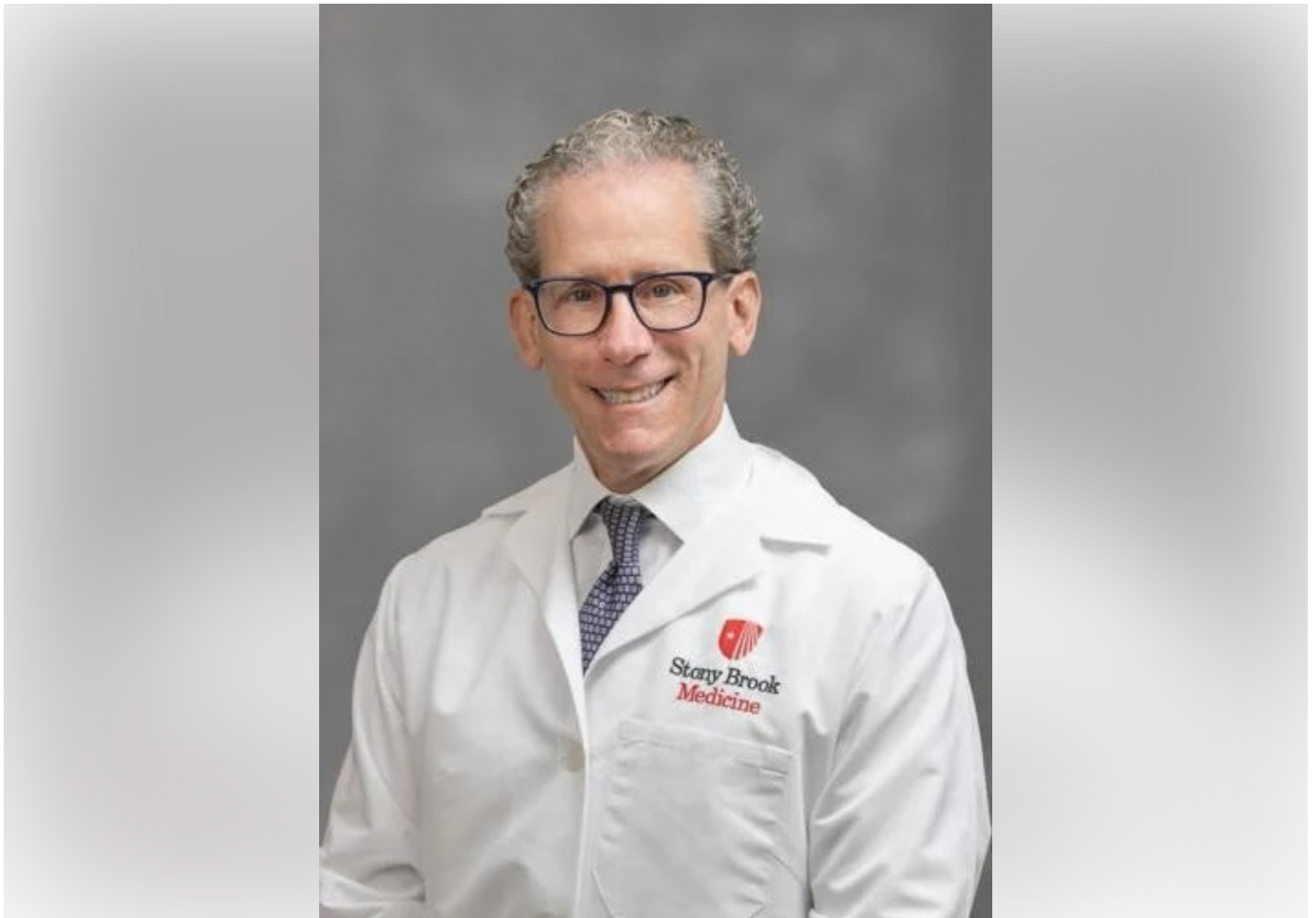




Stony Brook Southampton Hospital Taps New Medical Chief

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Dr. Richard Stumacher was appointed this week to be the new chief medical officer at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital.
Stony Brook Medicine

Stony Brook Southampton Hospital this week announced that Dr. Richard Stumacher will take over as the hospital's chief medical officer, overseeing all of its clinical care and programming, a hire that the hospital's parent network, Stony Brook Medicine,

spotlighted as embracing the future of artificial intelligence in medical care at the South Fork's only hospital.

Stumacher is a certified physician of internal medicine, pulmonary medicine and critical care and also holds an MBA from Hofstra University in strategic healthcare management, the hospital said in its announcement. Additionally, he is certified by the American Board of Artificial Intelligence in medicine, which the hospital said will be key to the advancement of local clinical care in the coming years.

"I was drawn to the role of chief medical officer because of the extraordinary commitment the hospital demonstrates as the sole provider of 24/7 emergency care and critical services on the South Fork, as well as to growing its centers of excellence in cardiology, orthopedics, surgical specialties, cancer care and breast health," Dr. Stumacher said in a statement shared by the hospital. "I am equally inspired by the hospital's leadership team, whose experience and proven record of success signal tremendous momentum and positions the hospital for transformative growth. Together, we have a remarkable opportunity to elevate care delivery and advance our mission of excellence for the communities we serve. The strength of the Stony Brook Medicine healthcare system — anchored by top ten ranked Stony Brook University Hospital and the Renaissance School of Medicine, the #1 public medical school in New York — creates an extraordinary environment for clinical innovation and academic collaboration."

Previously, Stumacher served as the medical director of case management at Stamford Hospital and as associate chief medical officer and chief of the division of pulmonary medicine and critical care at Northern Westchester Hospital, where he was also the chairman of the medical board and the ethics committee. He has also served in academic appointments at the Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra, the Weill Medical College of Cornell University, Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Fordham University.

"Dr. Stumacher brings exceptional clinical expertise, operational insight and a deep commitment to ethical, patient-centered care," Emily Mastaler, the chief administrator at the hospital said in the announcement of Stumacher's appointment. "His leadership experience across complex healthcare systems — and his passion for innovation in areas like AI, inpatient clinical care management and quality

improvement — make him an extraordinary addition to our team. We are thrilled to welcome him to our East End community and are confident he will play a pivotal role in advancing our mission.”

Stumacher succeeds Dr. Fredric Weinbaum, who retired in January after nearly 20 years as the hospital’s chief medical officer. Weinbaum had led the expansion of the hospital’s emergency department, the creation of the Ellen Hermanson Breast Center and the embracing of the merger with Stony Brook Medicine and incorporating its residency program for training new doctors into the hospital’s operations.

Stumacher will now take over the clinical program as it embraces new technology, like robotic surgical devices and the burgeoning AI advancements, and looks toward the construction of a new hospital on the Stony Brook Southampton college campus in Shinnecock Hills.

“Dr. Stumacher embodies the values and forward-thinking leadership that define Stony Brook Medicine,” Dr. William Wertheim, the executive vice president of Stony Brook Medicine, said in a statement from the network. “His deep experience in clinical quality and system-wide innovation aligns perfectly with our commitment to elevating care across the East End. We look forward to the impact he will have as he partners closely with our teams to expand access, strengthen clinical excellence and support the mission of Stony Brook Southampton Hospital within our growing health system.”

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