NEW YORK (April 16, 2015) – Mount Sinai Health System has appointed Sean P. Pinney, MD, to the new position of Director of Heart Failure and Transplantation for the Mount Sinai Health System.

In his new role, Dr. Pinney will lead the clinical expansion, integration, and coordination of inpatient and outpatient heart failure and heart transplantation patient care services across the Mount Sinai Health System including The Mount Sinai Hospital, Mount Sinai St. Luke’s, Mount Sinai Roosevelt, Mount Sinai Beth Israel, Mount Sinai Beth Israel Brooklyn, and Mount Sinai Queens.

In addition to his new leadership position, Dr. Pinney will continue to serve as Director of Advanced Heart Failure and Transplantation at The Mount Sinai Hospital, and Associate Professor of Medicine (Cardiology), at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.

“As one of the largest health systems in New York and also the nation, this new role comes at a pivotal time given the growing regional and national epidemic of heart disease,” says Dr. Pinney. “I look forward to helping Mount Sinai further its mission to reduce the lives impacted and lost each year from heart failure and to reduce the rising economic and clinical burden due to this debilitating condition.”

Heart failure, often called congestive heart failure, is when a person's heart is too weak to properly pump and circulate blood throughout their body. More than 5 million people in the United States have heart failure. The disease can range from mild, with the need for lifestyle modification or daily medication, to severe with the need for surgical intervention for survival with either a mechanical support device such as a left ventricular assist device (LVAD) or a donor heart transplant. An estimated 32 billion dollars is spent in heart failure care each year.

“Under Dr. Pinney’s strong leadership Mount Sinai will accelerate innovation and the use of evidence-based protocols and care pathways to further reduce avoidable readmissions, enhance the overall patient experience, and improve clinical outcomes for those with heart failure,” says Jeremy Boal, MD, Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of the Mount Sinai Health System.

Dr. Pinney will expand faculty, staff, and nurse education teams, along with programs for heart transplantation and mechanical assist devices, such as LVADs. In addition, he will focus on increasing innovations in heart failure patient care, research, clinical trials, and advanced
technology, including the launch of new mobile applications for greater heart failure patient engagement and health management.

“Sean Pinney, MD, is a true innovator in the field of heart failure and transplantation,” says Valentin Fuster, MD, PhD, Director of Mount Sinai Heart and Physician-in-Chief of The Mount Sinai Hospital. “I am proud of his remarkable career at The Mount Sinai Hospital and the great work he will continue to do across the Mount Sinai Health System for heart failure and transplant patients.”

Dr. Pinney joined The Mount Sinai Hospital faculty in 2004. He completed his fellowships in cardiology, heart failure, and transplantation at Columbia University Medical Center, and his residency training at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston.

**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 6,600 primary and specialty care physicians, 12-minority-owned free-standing ambulatory surgery centers, over 45 ambulatory practices throughout the five boroughs of New York City, Westchester, and Long Island, as well as 31 affiliated community health centers. Physicians are affiliated with the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, which is ranked among the top 20 medical schools both in National Institutes of Health funding and by U.S. News & World Report.

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