To The University of Vermont Community:

The University of Vermont joins Fletcher Allen Partners in announcing a name change today. Fletcher Allen Partners, the organization that includes Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington and three other affiliated hospitals in Vermont and New York, is changing its name to The University of Vermont Health Network. In addition, Burlington’s Fletcher Allen Health Care will be known as The University of Vermont Medical Center.

This is an important development for both Fletcher Allen and UVM, and it has my full and enthusiastic support. This change also has been approved by the University’s Board of Trustees. The initiative does not revise the independent corporate nature of the University of Vermont Health Network and UVM, but places a stronger emphasis on the shared academic missions of both organizations.

This collective decision will enhance the local, regional, and national reputations and quality of all of the entities now bearing the University of Vermont name, and makes more visible to the general public and to patients the important work that the University and these hospitals are doing together. This new designation will signal clearly to people in the region that they have access to a very high quality health network, aligned with one of the top 10 academic medical centers in the country, which has a continuing strong commitment to providing exceptional patient care and effectively controlling costs.

I am pleased to be sharing this good news with you today, and appreciate the cooperative spirit between our organizations that has made this very positive change happen. Additional details are included in a press release that may be found here:

http://www.fletcherallen.org/about/news_room/press_releases/fletcherallenpartnersboardapprovesn amechange.html

Sincerely,

Tom Sullivan,
President