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**TERRY FULMER, PHD, RN, FAAN, TAKES THE HELM AS PRESIDENT OF THE
JOHN A. HARTFORD FOUNDATION**

*Nursing leader brings experience as researcher, innovator, and advocate
to her new philanthropic role*

New York, NY (May 28, 2015) -- [Terry Fulmer, PhD, RN, FAAN](#), has joined the [John A. Hartford Foundation](#) and taken up her role as its new president, the Foundation announced today. Dr. Fulmer brings experience as a nurse, researcher, teacher, administrator, and innovator to her new position, and is deeply committed to transforming the way health care is delivered to older Americans. She succeeds Corinne H. Rieder, EdD, who led the Foundation from 1997 until her retirement in 2015.

“I believe that the John A. Hartford Foundation is uniquely positioned to play a leadership role in driving change that results in higher-quality, person-centered care at lower cost for the rapidly growing number of older adults and their families,” said Dr. Fulmer. “I look forward to the opportunities my new role offers to advocate passionately for the quality care that older Americans deserve, but too rarely receive.”

Dr. Fulmer served most recently as a University Distinguished Professor and Dean of the Bouvé College of Health Sciences, and Professor of Public Policy and Urban Affairs in the College of Social Sciences and Humanities, at Northeastern University. She began her new role at the John A. Hartford Foundation on May 15th, 2015.

“Terry Fulmer brings energy, vision, and a deep knowledge of the field to this new role,” said Margaret Wolff, incoming Chair of the John A. Hartford Foundation Board of Trustees, who also led the search committee that selected Dr. Fulmer. Ms. Wolff follows Norman Volk, who has served as Foundation Chair since 2002. “Dr. Fulmer’s commitment to improving our health care system will be a great asset, and she will be a powerful voice for the John A. Hartford Foundation, for its grantees, and for millions of older Americans.”

Dr. Fulmer, who received her PhD at Boston College, is nationally and internationally recognized as a leading expert in geriatrics and is best known for her research on elder abuse and neglect, which has been funded by the National Institute on Aging and the National Institute for Nursing Research. She is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine and currently serves as the Chair of the National Advisory Committee for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellows Program. She has served as the first nurse on the board of the American Geriatrics Society and as the first nurse to serve as president of the Gerontological Society of America.

Previous to her role as Dean of the Bouvé College of Health Sciences, Dr. Fulmer served as the Erline Perkins McGriff Professor of Nursing and founding Dean of the New York University (NYU) College of Nursing. For 15 years she also served as co-director of the Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing at NYU, which the Foundation began supporting in 1996. She has also held faculty appointments at Boston College, Columbia University, Yale University and the Harvard Division on Aging.

For the last thirty years, the [John A. Hartford Foundation](#) has focused its grantmaking in the arena of aging and health. During this time, the Foundation expanded its efforts to build academic capacity in geriatrics in schools of medicine, nursing and social work, creating a lasting impact in all these disciplines. It forged major funding partnerships with the National Institute on Aging to continue the Foundation's long-running Paul B. Beeson Career Development Awards in Aging Research program, the Medical Student Training in Aging Research (MSTAR) program, and the Grants for Early Medical/Surgical Specialists' Transition to Aging Research (GEMSSTAR) program. More recently, the Foundation has maintained its focus on aging and health, but shifted its grantmaking to support direct influence on practice change and the more immediate determinants of the quality of health care for older adults.

About the John A. Hartford Foundation

The John A. Hartford Foundation is a private philanthropy working to improve the health of older Americans. After three decades of championing research and education in geriatric medicine, nursing, and social work, today the Foundation pursues opportunities to put geriatrics expertise to work in all health care settings. This includes advancing practice change and innovation, supporting team-based care through interdisciplinary education of all health care providers, supporting policies and regulations that promote better care, and developing and disseminating new evidence-based models that deliver better, more cost-effective health care. The Foundation was established by John A. Hartford. Mr. Hartford and his brother, George L. Hartford, both former chief executives of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, left the bulk of their estates to the Foundation upon their deaths in the 1950's. Additional information about the Foundation and its programs is available at www.jhartfound.org.

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