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**CHILDREN'S MERCY APPOINTS DR. CHARLES ROBERTS EXECUTIVE  
VICE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE MEDICAL DIRECTOR  
Dr. Roberts Succeeds Dr. V. Fred Burry Who Retires After 47 Years**

**Kansas City, MO- July 1, 2010** – We are pleased to announce the promotion of [Charles Roberts, MD](#) to Executive Vice President/Executive Medical Director of Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics. Dr. Roberts succeeds V. Fred Burry, MD, who assumed the role of Executive Vice President/Executive Medical Director in 1996, and has retired after a 47 year career at Children's Mercy.

In his new role, Dr. Roberts will be responsible for executive management duties of two hospitals and numerous clinics, and leadership for more than 600 medical staff and 8 department chairs including Medical Research and the Office of Graduate Medical Education. Dr. Roberts was most recently Associate Executive Medical Director/Vice President, and was formerly section chief of Gastroenterology and the first Medical Director for Children's Mercy South in Overland Park, Kansas. He is a Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine.

"Dr. Fred Burry has given dedicated and devoted service to Children's Mercy for more than 47 years, and we are fortunate to have another dynamic and inspiring leader in Dr. Charles Roberts, says Randall L. O'Donnell, PhD, president and CEO of Children's Mercy. "Dr. Roberts has already made significant contributions to our children, families and staff over the past 30 years, and I know he will continue to further our position as a leader in pediatric care and research."

**About Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics**

Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, located in Kansas City, Mo., is one of the nation's top pediatric medical centers. The 314-bed hospital provides care for children from birth through the age of 18, and has been recognized by the American Nurses Credentialing Center with Magnet designation for excellence in nursing services, and ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of "America's Best Children's Hospitals." Its faculty of 600 pediatricians and researchers across more than [40 subspecialties](#) are actively involved in clinical care, pediatric research, and educating the next generation of pediatric subspecialists. For more information about Children's Mercy and its research, visit [childrensmercy.org](http://childrensmercy.org). For breaking news and videos, follow us on [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#).

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