



Valérie Vandal appointed Associate Director of Nursing

I am pleased to welcome Valérie Vandal as Associate Director of Nursing for the *Centre intégré universitaire de santé et de services sociaux (CIUSSS) du Centre-Ouest-de-l'Île-de-Montréal*.

Ms. Vandal is one of two Associate Directors of Nursing, both of whom are responsible for nursing operations and patient trajectories throughout the CIUSSS. In striving toward excellence and to maximize efficiency, she will ensure the optimization of trajectories of care throughout the different CIUSSS institutions.

Ms. Vandal will support Johanne Boileau, Director of Nursing, in the day-to-day management of department operations and in the integration of the nursing mission in various programs, services and facilities of our institutions. She will participate in the development, evaluation and revision of clinical patient trajectories across the various facilities in our CIUSSS. Ms. Vandal will also contribute to the management of improvement programs for quality of care and clinical services. Moreover, she will ensure the evolution of cross-clinical practice, whether it be the quality and development of practice, Accreditation, interdisciplinary collaboration and the patient experience, in collaboration with other departments.

In 1992, Ms. Vandal began working at the Jewish General Hospital (JGH) as head nurse of the in-patient unit for internal medicine and hematology-oncology. In 2000, she became nursing coordinator in the Nursing Resource Centre until 2007, when she was named Associate Nursing Director for Surgical Services. Ms. Vandal was promoted again in 2012 to Assistant Director of Nursing.

Ms. Vandal received her Bachelor's degree in Nursing from McGill University in 1986 and holds a Master's degree in public administration from the University of Public Administration (ENAP), which she obtained in 2009. In 2014, she took the *Value Measurement for Health Care* course at Harvard University.

"Patients and families deserve the best of what our knowledge and resources have to offer," says Ms. Vandal. "It is up to us to continually aim higher. I look forward to working on this with the new team that makes up our CIUSSS."

Together with Ms. Vandal, the rest of the management team, and in partnership with all of the institutions in our network, I am eager to embark on this new era in health care. Her experience in different areas of care and in management will prepare her well for this expanded role. Nursing practice, nurse-physician partnerships and nursing research already have a strong presence in our institutions; I am certain that Ms. Vandal will help continue to build on that to enhance the impact of nursing on the patient experience.

See the full list of appointments: <http://jgh.ca/en/CIUSSS-Administration>

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