The new year brings the promise and hope of what possibilities lie ahead over the next 12 months. It is a time of fresh starts and well-intended resolutions for self-improvement and to do things differently for the better. This new year also comes with significant changes for our nation and our communities.

At University of Vermont Health Network, we are driven by the belief that regardless of what happens in the world around us, everyone deserves to have equitable access to the care they need to be as healthy as possible, at every stage of life.

Access to health care means different things to different people. For some it means the ability to get a timely appointment. For others, it means being able to afford the care they need or receiving specialty care from medical experts not available anywhere else in our region. For us, it means all three.

That is why much of our work this year is focused on providing high quality care as close to home as possible and finding innovative ways to control health care costs.

We will continue to do everything we can at the state and national levels to advocate for and protect the care our patients seek from us so that everyone has access to health care regardless of identity, national origin, ability to pay, political beliefs or anything else that makes each of us unique.

None of this would be possible without the passionate and dedicated people who make up our organization and are members of the communities we serve. We are your friends, your family and neighbors. When you are reaching your health goals, we are succeeding.

Even with the change the new year brings, you have my personal commitment one thing will not change: our dedication to your health and well-being.

Many good wishes for a healthy new year! Thank you for continuing to trust us with your care.

Sincerely,
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