

# Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, North Shore-LIJ Affiliate to Enhance Healthcare for Suffolk Residents

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**COMMACK, NY**—Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center and the North Shore-LIJ Health System today signed a clinical affiliation agreement, in a move that will help to improve healthcare services for adults on Long Island.

“This new affiliation strengthens our more-than-two-decade working relationship with Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, its assisted living program and other community services regarding a number of clinical initiatives focused on geriatric medicine,” said Mark Solazzo, executive vice president and chief operating officer of North Shore-LIJ. “We are excited to partner with such an outstanding facility as Gurwin Jewish, which offers a comprehensive range of high-quality healthcare and rehab services. We will pursue opportunities that improve the care to the seniors we serve in the community, particularly in the areas of skilled nursing care, home care, hospice, laboratory and emergency medical services.”

Mr. Solazzo also noted that the health system has a long track record of providing rapid intervention for patients and residents at Gurwin Jewish’s facilities requiring emergency care or hospitalization at Huntington, Plainview, Syosset, Southside and North Shore University hospitals. “In addition, we have a good clinical strategy in place to reduce hospital readmissions and prevent unnecessary hospitalizations, which benefits patients and both organizations,” Mr. Solazzo said.

The clinical affiliation makes no changes to the governance of either organization; however, it offers the foundation for both to remain at the forefront of offering comprehensive options for seniors and other adults looking for high-quality, compassionate care.

“We are delighted to partner with the North Shore-LIJ Health System to provide their patients with the specialized care they require, including the rehabilitation they need in order to return home after a life-altering event such as a stroke, joint replacement or extended hospital stay,” said Herbert H. Friedman, Executive Vice President/CEO of Gurwin Jewish. “We are proud of our long commitment to providing the best possible care to those we serve, and are equally pleased to affiliate with the health system, an organization with a known reputation for excellence.”

## About Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation

The Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center is a 460-bed nursing care facility located in Commack, Long Island, offering short-term rehabilitation, skilled nursing care, medical/post-surgical sub-acute care, respiratory and ventilator dependent care, hospice and palliative care and on-site dialysis. In addition, Gurwin Jewish offers an adult day health program, home care services through two home care programs, and an assisted living community. For more information, go to [www.gurwin.org](http://www.gurwin.org).

## About North Shore-LIJ Health System

One of the nation’s largest health systems, North Shore-LIJ delivers world-class clinical care throughout the New York metropolitan area, pioneering research at The Feinstein Institute for Medical Research, a visionary approach to medical education highlighted by the Hofstra North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine, and health-care coverage to individuals, families and businesses through the North Shore-LIJ CareConnect Insurance Co. Inc. North Shore-LIJ cares for people at every stage of life at 17 hospitals and more than 400 outpatient physician practices throughout the region. North Shore-LIJ’s owned hospitals and long-term care facilities house more than 6,000 beds, employ more than 10,000 nurses and have affiliations with over 9,400 physicians. With a workforce of about 48,000, North Shore-LIJ is the largest private employer in New York State. For more information, go to [www.northshorelij.com](http://www.northshorelij.com).



*At the formal agreement signing: (front row, left to right) Mark Solazzo, EVP & COO, North Shore-LIJ; Herbert H. Friedman, EVP & CEO, Gurwin; (back row) Dr. Howard Guzik, Senior Medical Director, SNF Services, North Shore-LIJ; Bert Brodsky, President of the Board, Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center; and Larry Simon, Chairman of the Board, Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.*

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