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Keck Medicine hospital taps 2 execs

USC Arcadia (Calif.) Hospital has named a new CFO and an associate chief medical officer.

Abelardo Núñez will begin his role as CFO on July 8, according to a June 19 news release from Los Angeles-based Keck Medicine of USC, which acquired the hospital in 2022. He replaces Bill Grigg, who is retiring after 12 years in the role.

Mr. Núñez most recently served as CFO of San Joaquin General Hospital in French Camp, Calif., according to the release. He also previously served as director of financial operations for Palo Alto, Calif.-based Stanford Health Care.

Veronica Vasquez-Montez, MD, was named associate chief medical officer, a newly created position at the hospital, according to the release. She will dedicate half of her time to the new role while continuing to fulfill her responsibilities as clinical and medical director of the hospital's emergency department.

USC Arcadia Hospital President and CEO Ikenna Mmeje said in the release that the associate chief medical officer position "aims to continuously improve the safety, effectiveness, efficiency, patient-centeredness, equity, and timeliness of health care service to all patients."

Dr. Vasquez-Montez begins her new role on July 1.

2 Advocate Health executives to exit

Advocate Health's chief diversity, equity and inclusion officer is stepping down from her role at the end of August, and the Charlotte, N.C.-based system's chief nursing officer plans to retire in December, according to a memo obtained by the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.*

Cristy Garcia-Thomas, who has led efforts to address health disparities and social determinants of health, will leave the organization in August. She told the news outlet that her successor as chief diversity, equity and inclusion officer will be named soon, and that she has been involved in the process of screening candidates. Ms. Garcia-Thomas is also president of the Advocate National Center for Health Equity.

Mary Beth Kingston, PhD, RN, Advocate Health's executive vice president and chief nursing officer, will retire in December. Jim Skogsbergh, who had served as co-CEO of Advocate Health alongside Eugene Woods, stepped down May 31, and Executive Vice President Rick Klein retired in May.

5 recent CEO exits

1. Bob Gomes, CEO of Community Medical Center in Missoula, Mont., resigned.
2. Michael Laign plans to retire as president and CEO of Meadowbrook, Pa.-based Redeemer Health, effective July 15. Gregory Wozniak will succeed Mr. Laign.
3. Robert Grossman, MD, plans to retire next year as CEO of New York City-based NYU Langone Health and dean of NYU Grossman School of Medicine.
4. Antoine Poythress plans to exit his role as CEO of Millen, Ga.-based Jenkins County Medical Center to become COO and CFO of Effingham Health System in Springfield, Ga.
5. Steven Packer, MD, president and CEO of Montage Health in Monterey, Calif., plans to retire next spring after 25 years in his role.

MU Health Care names CFO

Columbia-based University of Missouri Health Care has named Greg Damron as its new CFO, according to a June 19 post on his LinkedIn page.

- **Cedars-Sinai affiliate system taps new CNO**

Pasadena, Calif.-based Huntington Health, a Cedars-Sinai affiliate, has named Jinhee Jeannie Nguyen, DNP, RN, as its next chief nursing officer, the system announced June 25.

- **Froedtert ThedaCare appoints market president**

Neenah, Wis.-based Froedtert ThedaCare Health has appointed Robert Cavagnol, MD, as president of its north region, effective July 29.

- **Lovelace hospital taps new COO**

Albuquerque, N.M.-based Lovelace Health System tapped Sherry Aragon as COO of Lovelace Women's Hospital in Albuquerque, effective immediately.

- **Children's Wisconsin taps new CEO**

Milwaukee-based Children's Wisconsin has tapped Gil Peri as president and CEO, effective August 12.

- **Novant Health taps CommonSpirit executive as cyber chief**

Winston-Salem, N.C.-based Novant Health has named Sanjeev Sah as its new chief information security officer.

- **New Jersey system names chief medical information officer**

Valley Health System in Paramus, N.J., has named K. Nadeem Ahmed, MD, as its chief medical information officer, New Jersey Business Magazine reported June 24.

- **HCA hospital CMO to join AdventHealth**

Effective July 8, Andrew Weinfeld, MD, will become chief clinical officer of Advent Health's East Florida Division.

- **Oregon hospital names CEO**

Bob Gomes was named CEO for the Harney County Health District.

- **Illinois hospital CNO to retire**

Patty Blazier, RN, chief nursing officer at Hamilton Memorial Hospital District in McLeansboro, Ill., has announced her retirement.

- **HSHS leader promoted to market COO**

Chad Markham has been promoted to COO of HSHS Central Illinois Market, part of Springfield, Ill.-based Hospital Sisters Health System.

- **UC Davis Health appoints new system COO**

Sacramento, Calif.-based UC Davis Health has appointed Michael Condrin as system COO and chief administrator for the UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento.

- **HCA Utah hospital taps new COO**

Salt Lake City-based Mountain Star Healthcare has tapped Jake Taylor as COO of Ogden (Utah) Regional Medical Center.

- **HCA taps CEO for Kansas hospital**

Kirk McCarty, MSN, RN, was appointed CEO of Menorah Medical Center in Overland Park, Kan., part of Nashville, Tenn.-based HCA Healthcare.

Virginia hospital appoints new CFO

Twin County Regional Healthcare in Galax, Va., has appointed Samantha McMillian as CFO, effective June 1

- **CommonSpirit Colorado hospital taps new CEO**

Durango, Colo.-based CommonSpirit Mercy Hospital, part of Chicago-based CommonSpirit Health, has tapped Josh Neff as CEO, effective July 1.