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Novant makes 3 C-suite changes

Winston-Salem, N.C.-based Novant Health has appointed three leaders to new C-suite roles. John Gizdic was selected as the health system's COO, according to a May 23 news release from the health system. Mr. Gizdic, previously chief administrative officer, will replace Jeff Lindsay, who joined Chapel Hill, N.C.-based UNC Health as its new president and COO. In his new role, Mr. Gizdic will continue leading strategic integrations and growth, and he will lead Novant's disaster command center for hurricanes and other natural disasters, according to the release.

Kim Henderson was selected as chief administrative officer, according to the release. She previously served as chief patient experience officer and system chief of staff. Novant said Ms. Henderson will now oversee Novant's people and culture team as well as team member well-being, in addition to her existing areas of responsibility.

Onyeka Nchege, who previously served as senior vice president and chief information officer, was promoted to executive vice president and chief digital and information officer, according to the release. Novant said Mr. Nchege "will build on his strong focus to drive successful digital transformations that enable system growth."

6 recent CEO exits

1. Chuck Callahan, PhD, announced his plans to leave Springfield (Ill.) Memorial Hospital on June 30 "to seek other professional opportunities," according to a hospital news release shared with *Becker's*. The hospital has appointed Jay Roszhart president and CEO, effective July 1.
2. Harry Weis, president and CEO of Truckee, Calif.-based Tahoe Forest Health System, was placed on paid administrative leave May 16. The decision followed his previous announcement of his retirement date of Jan. 2, 2026. COO Louis Ward was appointed acting CEO.
3. Carlton DeVooght is stepping down as president and CEO of St. Augustine, Fla.-based UF Health St. Johns, a regional division for Gainesville, Fla.-based UF Health. Mr. DeVooght is leaving his position "to pursue other opportunities as UF Health continues to evolve," according to a statement shared with *Becker's*. The statement said he will continue at the helm until June 7, before which UF Health St. Johns will name an external interim hospital leader.
4. Rod Hochman, MD, is preparing to retire as president and CEO of Renton, Wash.-based Providence at the end of 2024, capping off a 45-year career in healthcare, including nearly two decades with the Providence family of organizations. Dr. Hochman will transition into a CEO emeritus position, effective Jan. 1, 2025, and a search is underway for the next CEO, according to a May 15 news release from the health system.
5. Ian Worden, who was selected as interim CEO of Bartlett Regional Hospital in Juneau, Alaska, in September and has been serving in that role since October, will depart the role later

this year, a hospital spokesperson told *Becker's*. Meanwhile, the hospital is moving forward with the search for a permanent CEO, who will be the hospital's fourth leader in less than a year.

6. Paul Kempinski will retire as president and CEO of Children's Mercy Kansas City (Mo.) after more than 40 years in healthcare leadership. Mr. Kempinski, who has helmed Children's Mercy since November 2018, will remain at the helm of the organization until the naming and onboarding of the next leader, according to a May 9 news release.

- **Iowa hospital CEO to retire**

Michele Schoonover will retire June 7 as CEO of Vinton, Iowa-based Virginia Gay Hospitals and Clinics, according to an article published on communitynewspapergroup.com.

- **Tampa General taps SVP of finance**

Tampa (Fla.) General Hospital has named Lijah Lokenauth senior vice president of finance, according to a May 28 post on his LinkedIn page.

- **HCA exec promoted to Florida hospital CEO**

Philip Marchesini was promoted to CEO of HCA Florida Northside Hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla., part of Nashville, Tenn.-based HCA Healthcare, effective immediately.

Retired CEO returns to Washington hospital

Larry Cohen, the former CEO of Ocean Beach Hospital in Ilwaco, Wash., has come out of retirement to helm the organization in an interim capacity, according to the Chinook Observer.

- **Texas medical center names chief nurse**

Del Sol Medical Center in El Paso, Texas, has appointed John Duran, MSN, RN, as its next chief nursing officer, the system announced May 17.

- **CommonSpirit taps leader for 20 hospitals**

Andrew Gaasch was appointed president for Chicago-based CommonSpirit Health's Mountain Region, effective May 20.

- **AHA's nursing chief to retire**

Robyn Begley, DNP, RN, will retire at the end of 2024 from her roles as chief nursing officer of the American Hospital Association and CEO of the American Organization for Nursing Leadership.

- **UMMS names chief administrative officer**

Baltimore-based University of Maryland Medical System has appointed Richelle Webb Dixon senior vice president and chief administrative officer for the 11-hospital academic health system.

- **Indiana health system CFO to retire, new leader named**

Fort Wayne, Ind.-based Parkview Health has named Ty Renbarger CFO, effective June 3.

- **Illinois hospital CEO to exit, new leader named**

Springfield (Ill.) Memorial Hospital, part of Springfield-based Memorial Health, has named Jay Roszhart president and CEO, effective July 1.

- **Lovelace Health System names new hospital CFO**

Albuquerque-based Lovelace Health System has appointed George Wiley CFO of Lovelace Medical Center in Albuquerque and Heart Hospital of New Mexico, part of Lovelace Medical Center, effective May 28.

- **Florida system CFO resigns after external CEO hire**

Brett Esrock, executive vice president, CFO and COO of Health First, is leaving the Rockledge, Fla.-based organization following the hiring of an external candidate for the CEO role, Florida Today reported May 22.

- **Baptist Health South Florida names new chief digital officer**

Coral Gables, Fla.-based Baptist Health South Florida named Sha Edathumparampil as its new chief digital and information officer.

- **Iowa hospital taps former UnityPoint exec as president, CEO**

Des Moines, Iowa-based Broadlawns Medical Center tapped Proctor Lureman as president and CEO, effective July 15, after a unanimous decision from the hospital's board of trustees.