

MORNING CMO REPORT

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SPECIAL EDITION – New Chief Quality Officer

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Hans Cassagnol, MD, MMM, FACOG, has accepted the position of Chief Quality Officer of Upstate University Hospital, effective June 1, 2015.

Dr. Cassagnol has more than 15 years of experience in the healthcare field, most recently with Geisinger Health System in Danville, PA, where he has served as Associate Chief Quality Officer at the system level, and Chairman of Quality and Safety for the Women Health Service Line. Geisinger is a fully integrated system, featuring seven hospitals, approximately 50 outpatient clinics, three outpatient surgical centers, 2,000 physicians and 21,000 employees.

During his tenure at Geisinger, Dr. Cassagnol has led many quality initiatives, improving performance in a number of key areas, including reductions in C-diff infections, central line infections and pressure ulcers. Also as Associate Chief Quality Officer, he help put in place measures to decrease mortality and readmission rates for key areas, including Acute Myocardial Infarction and Congestive Heart Failure, among others, earning a Leap Frog Award in 2014.

His committee work has been extensive, including Peer Review Committee, Medical Executive Committee, RCA / FMEA Committee, System Medication Safety Committee, Patient Safety Committee, OPPE & FPPE Implementation, Health Literacy Committee, Diversity Program, Robotic Surgery Steering Committee, Surgical Governance Committee, and OR Utilization Committee.

Dr. Cassagnol has held faculty appointments at Temple University School of Medicine, the Commonwealth Medical College and Misericordia University School of Nursing. A diplomate of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dr. Cassagnol is a member of numerous professional societies, including the American College of Physician Executives.

Dr. Cassagnol obtained his medical degree from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and a master's degree of medical management from the University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business.

His experiences in creating a culture around quality and patient safety will be welcomed as we position ourselves to enhance quality of care and patient safety in the months and years ahead. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Cassagnol when he arrives at Upstate University Hospital in June to take on this important role.

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