

Southwestern Health Resources



Management leaders named for Southwestern Health Resources

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To the UT Southwestern Community and All Texas Health Employees, Volunteers, THPG Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, and Texas Health Organization for Physicians Employees:

Since April, we have made significant progress in the development of Southwestern Health Resources, the clinically integrated network of Texas Health Resources and UT Southwestern Medical Center. Today, we are pleased to announce the leadership teams who will be working with the senior executive officers to guide the Physician Network and the Population Health Services Company, which are major components of Southwestern Health Resources.

These new appointments will further our objective of providing patients throughout North Texas with streamlined access to the complete continuum of care. Southwestern Health Resources' extensive network encompasses more than 650 access points, including 29 hospitals, across 16 counties of North Texas. The three Dallas hospitals are linked in a Joint Operating Company.

The **Physician Network** provides physicians from UT Southwestern, Texas Health Physicians Group, and independent practices the opportunity to come together in a high-performing, clinically integrated care model, governed and led by physicians. Dan Varga, M.D., Chief Clinical Officer of Texas Health and Senior Executive Officer of Southwestern Health's Physician Network, and UT Southwestern's Mack Mitchell, M.D., Chief Medical Officer of the Physician Network, lead the network.



Jim Parobek, M.B.A., will serve as the Chief Operating Officer of the Physician Network. He is also the Senior Vice President of Operations for Texas Health Physicians Group (THPG), and he serves as a board member and Senior Vice President of Operations for Texas Health Organization for Physicians. He will also work closely with the leadership of the Population Health Services Company to establish the services required to allow the Physician Network to perform at the highest level.



Danny Irland, FACHE, M.B.A., will serve as the Chief Financial Officer of the Physician Network. He is also the Chief Executive Officer for UT Southwestern's Accountable Care Network. In his CFO role, he will be responsible for planning and managing the financial operations of the physician network within Southwestern Health Resources.

The **Population Health Services Company** provides care management services and tools for providers of the Physician Network in caring for patient populations in networks such as accountable

care organizations. Bruce Meyer, M.D., M.B.A., Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs at UT Southwestern, serves as Senior Executive Officer of the Population Health Services Company.



Jason Fish, M.D., M.S.H.S., will serve as the Quality Leader of the Population Health Services Company. He is Ambulatory Quality Officer and Assistant Vice President of Ambulatory Quality Outcomes and Performance Improvement, and Associate Professor of Internal Medicine at UT Southwestern. In this new role, he will be responsible for quality improvement, care models, disease management metrics and protocols, and education with respect to quality and safety.



Suresh Gunasekaran, M.B.A., will serve as the Operations Leader of the Population Health Services Company. He is Associate Vice President and Chief of Operations for the UT Southwestern Health System, and leads the financial and operational activities, as well as many of the administrative functions, of the UT Southwestern physician practice and Health System. In his new role, he will be responsible for finance, human resources, practice centric services, care coordination administration, analytics/workflow platform, and information technology.



Tricia Nguyen, M.D., M.B.A., will serve as Care Administration Leader of the Population Health Services Company. She is Executive Vice President for Population Health at Texas Health. She is board certified in internal medicine and has broad experience in population health services. In her role, Dr. Nguyen will oversee utilization review and management, claims/bundles administration, payer ASO management, and compliance with delegated management.

These executives will keep their current responsibilities with Texas Health and UT Southwestern, respectively, while taking on these new leadership responsibilities within Southwestern Health Resources.

In addition to the new roles for the executives listed above, the existing leadership teams at the William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital, Zale Lipshy University Hospital, and Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas will work alongside John Warner, M.D., CEO of University Hospitals for UT Southwestern and Senior Executive Officer of the **Joint Operating Company**, in overseeing the network's three primary Dallas hospitals.

Through the leadership of the executive team and the work of the network's caregivers and support staff, Southwestern Health Resources will broaden and simplify North Texans' access to leading medical care by blending the strengths of Texas Health and UT Southwestern — two of the largest, most-respected health care providers in the country.

Please join us in congratulating these leaders on their new roles.

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