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EATON NAMED SENIOR VP & CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AT ST. VINCENT'S

BRIDGEPORT, CT, April 24, 2009--Kerry Eaton, RN, MS, has been named Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer at St. Vincent's Medical Center.

Most recently, Eaton served as Vice President of Patient Outcomes at St. Vincent's.

"Kerry Eaton has a real passion for quality and is always seeking opportunities to improve services and the care we provide to our patients," said St. Vincent's President/CEO Susan L. Davis, RN, EdD. "Kerry's new role will bring many departments together under her leadership to ensure we continue to constantly improve the quality of care and the safety of our patients," Dr. Davis said.



In her new role, Eaton will be primarily responsible for the services that support clinical operations. She will oversee the Pharmacy, Laboratory, Emergency Department, Immediate Healthcare Centers, Case Management & Social Work Department, Information Services, Patient Relations, Engineering, Facilities, Environmental Services, Food & Nutrition, Patient Safety, Risk Management, Infection Control, all Quality and performance improvement initiatives, and Joint Commission Accreditation process.

While at St. Vincent's, Eaton has been the driving force behind the hospital's successful efforts in constantly improving quality through an effective patient safety program, new and innovative training programs, and other initiatives. Eaton also established an award-winning patient and family advisory board which has provided valuable guidance in creating new hospital policies and procedures that enhance the patient experience.

Eaton came to St. Vincent's 13 years ago as the Director of Case Management. Prior to joining the Medical Center, she was the Director of Management Services at Bradley Memorial Hospital and earlier, a staff nurse in the Emergency Department at Danbury Hospital. She received her nursing diploma from Ona M. Wilcox School of Nursing, a bachelor of science in nursing from Central Connecticut State University and a master of science in nursing with an administration concentration from the University of Connecticut, where she received the Eleanor K. Gill Award for Excellence in Clinical Practice/Administration..

Currently, Eaton serves as a clinical instructor at the Yale University School of Nursing, and is a member of a number of professional organizations including the Connecticut Hospital Association Board Committee for Quality, the American Case Management Association, and the National Foundation for Patient Safety. Eaton also holds membership in the Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society for Nursing Scholarship, serves as an advisory board member for several visiting nurse organizations, and is also a member of the Bridgeport Community Junior Achievement.

Eaton is married with two children and resides in Southington.

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