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Mary Reich Cooper, MD, JD, Joins CHA as Vice President and Chief Quality Officer

WALLINGFORD – The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) welcomes Mary Reich Cooper, MD, JD, as Vice President and Chief Quality Officer. In this role, Dr. Cooper will lead CHA's quality and patient safety work, including CHA's initiative to eliminate all cause preventable harm in Connecticut. This statewide initiative includes the unique High Reliability Safety Culture Collaborative, the first of its kind in the nation, and Partnership for Patients, a national initiative designed to reduce preventable inpatient harm by 40 percent and readmissions by 20 percent.

"Dr. Cooper brings to CHA a broad range of skills and experience, as well as a demonstrated commitment to the delivery of the highest quality care consistent with the mission of Connecticut's hospitals," said Jennifer Jackson, CHA President and CEO. "Connecticut hospitals will benefit from her leadership of multiple statewide and nationwide initiatives to reduce harm and improve patient safety."

Dr. Cooper previously served as Senior Vice President and Chief Quality Officer for Lifespan in Providence, Rhode Island, where she helped introduce a statewide event reporting system, develop a Patient Safety Organization, and strengthen safety in hospital operating rooms. Prior to her work with Lifespan, she was Vice President and Chief Quality Officer at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital. Dr. Cooper began her career as a hospitalist at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia, and later became Director, Clinical Quality.

Dr. Cooper is extensively published on quality and patient safety in peer-reviewed journals and books. She has been the principal investigator in numerous grant-funded patient safety initiatives, and has held an academic appointment as Assistant Professor of Medicine (Research) since 2008 with the Warren Alpert School of Medicine at Brown University. She attended Temple University School of Medicine, where she was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha, and trained in internal medicine at Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia. She received her law degree from Pace University School of Law.



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About CHA

The Connecticut Hospital Association has been dedicated to serving Connecticut's hospitals since 1919. Through state and federal advocacy, CHA represents the interests of Connecticut's hospitals on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, community health, diversity, and hospital reimbursement.