



Dr. Nasim Afsar, MD, MBA

Chief Operating Officer

UCI Health

As chief operating officer, Dr. Afsar will oversee hospital administrative functions, including planning, design and construction; emergency management; clinical and ancillary support services; facilities management and special projects. She will continue to lead ambulatory care operations and will represent the medical center in a variety of community settings such as the Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC), Proposition 10 Commission, Orange County Mental Health Coalition and more.

Dr. Afsar's UCI Health career began in early 2018 as the chief operating officer for ambulatory care. In this role she established a robust ambulatory strategy and executed operational and financial excellence for more than 80 cost centers and 1,000 team members. Under her leadership, UCI Health ambulatory care has grown by more than 24 percent and opened several new sites, including locations in Newport Heights, Yorba Linda, Anaheim, Newport Beach and soon Laguna Hills.

Prior to joining UCI Health, Dr. Afsar served in several roles at UCLA Health, including associate chief medical officer; chief quality officer for the department of medicine; and executive director of quality and safety for the departments of neurosurgery and medicine. She led numerous health system efforts, such as readmissions, mortality and hospital throughput, and spearheaded large-scale population health initiatives.

Dr. Afsar received her medical degree at UC Davis School of Medicine, completed an internal medicine residency at UCLA and earned an MBA from the UCLA Anderson School of Management.