

Orange County, CA- UCI Health seeks a transformational and experienced physician leader who is passionate about quality and safety to serve as its inaugural Chief Quality Officer (CQO) and Vice President. This is a unique opportunity to lead in a best-in-class integrated academic health system caring for Californians across the state. The CQO will be the catalyst to lead a focus on quality and safety and will strive to instill a culture of clinical excellence across UCI Health.

As a \$4 billion integrated healthcare delivery system, UCI Health consistently ranks among the country's top health systems and is recognized for its excellence in patient care, quality and safety. UCI Health delivers world-class, highly specialized care and engages patients and families as partners to improve their health and their communities. The System includes the flagship hospital - UCI Medical Center -Orange, a 459-bed trauma Level I academic medical center, recognized as a top 10 academic medical center by Vizient.

UCI Health is on a journey of expansion, set to complete its new \$1.3 billion medical campus, UCI Medical Center – Irvine, which includes state-of the-art outpatient facilities and a 144-bed all-electric hospital, by 2025. In addition to the new campus, UCI Health completed its acquisition of Fountain Valley Regional Hospital, Lakewood Regional Medical Center, Los Alamitos Medical Center, Placentia-Linda Hospital, and associated outpatient locations in March of 2024.

Reporting to the Chief Medical Officer and Senior Vice President, the CQO will lead the charge to drive exceptional health outcomes across the six-hospital healthcare system, aligning clinical priorities with strategic, operational, and financial priorities. This leader will be responsible for advancing outcomes in community and academic settings. The CQO will be an example in leading with commitment to quality and safety and will instill a culture of clinical excellence across the system, serving to standardize clinical care throughout the enterprise. They will be responsible for building a strategic direction while leading and implementing programs and initiatives driving towards care consistency.

The successful candidate should be recognized as a standard-bearer for quality and patient safety, possessing deep understanding and training in enhancing clinical quality and patient safety. Candidates must hold a Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathy degree (or equivalent), have completed an ACGME-approved residency program and possess current Board Certification with an expectation to acquire a California medical license. Although not mandatory, an advanced degree in healthcare management, quality improvement or a business-related field is desired.

For confidential nominations or expressions of interest, please contact the search consultant team of Linda Komnick, Vinny Gossain and Imran Ali at iali@wittkieffer.com.

The University of California, Irvine is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, age, protected veteran status, or other protected categories covered by the UC nondiscrimination policy.

The minimum salary for this position is \$316,000 and the maximum is \$686,000, based on qualifications and years of experience. The selected individual will also receive a comprehensive benefits package.