

Nygaard Promoted to Chief Operating Officer at Lee Health

(Fort Myers, Fla. – March 21, 2018) --- Scott Nygaard, M.D., MBA, has been promoted to Chief Operating Officer for Lee Health. In his new role, Dr. Nygaard will be responsible for all clinical operations throughout the health system, including all hospitals, ambulatory, post-acute and ancillary services.

Dr. Nygaard joined Lee Health in 2010 as the Chief Medical Officer for Lee Physician Group. While in that role, he aligned the management structure across all employed physicians and developed a cohesive Lee Physician Group brand. He also helped initiate the Florida State University College of Medicine Family Medicine Residency Program at Lee Health to address the shortage of primary care physicians in the community. Dr. Nygaard also successfully redesigned the hospitalist medicine program to achieve an integrated approach across the health system’s hospital campuses.

In 2016, Dr. Nygaard was promoted to Chief Medical Officer for the health system and most recently served as Chief Medical and Clinical Integration Officer. Dr. Nygaard will retain the duties of the Chief Medical and Clinical Integration Officer and further assess the need to replace this role. Lee Health has been continually investing in physician leadership across the health system and Dr. Nygaard believes the system now has excellent talent at the operating level to achieve operating excellence.

“Scott has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership in building collaborative relationships and is skilled at leading clinical and operational transformation to enhance care delivery and the patient experience,” says Larry Antonucci, M.D., MBA, Lee Health President & CEO.

Before joining Lee Health, Dr. Nygaard served as Senior Vice President of Corporate Services at Via Christi Health System in Wichita, Kan., and at Affinity Health System in Appleton, Wis., where he served as the Chief Medical Officer responsible for Affinity’s multispecialty group practice.

Dr. Nygaard earned his medical degree at the University of Minnesota Medical School. He completed an internal medicine residency and a pulmonary and critical care residency at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa. Dr. Nygaard also earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis.

About Lee Health

Since the opening of the first hospital in 1916, Lee Health has been a health care leader in Southwest Florida, constantly evolving to meet the needs of the community. A non-profit, integrated health care services organization, Lee Health is committed to the well-being of every individual served, focused on healthy living and maintaining good health. Staffed by caring people, inspiring health, services are conveniently located throughout the community in four acute care hospitals, two specialty hospitals, outpatient centers, walk-in medical centers, primary care and specialty physician practices and other services across the continuum of care. Formerly known as Lee Memorial Health System, the organization began its second century of service with a new name in 2016. Learn more at www.LeeHealth.org.

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