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## Clinical Integration Update

The new clinically integrated organization (CIO) under development will provide an effective way for the physicians in our community to collaborate together with The Medical Center to improve the quality and efficiency of the care we all deliver to our patients. Thank you to the many physicians, physician groups, and practice administrators/managers who have attended meetings and expressed interest in participating in its formation. We especially appreciate those physicians who have expressed an interest in working in one of the CI Committees. Those committees will be forming over the next few weeks, and we'll be contacting you soon to talk about those next steps.

### CI Steering Committee:

- These physicians have agreed to serve on the Steering Committee. As the network grows, additional physicians may be added.

K. Sahetya, M.D. – Chair

Ghayth Hammad, M.D.

Julie Isaac, M.D.

Hugh Sims, M.D.

Bart Spurlin, M.D.

- The Steering Committee's first meeting was held on August 27. The group agreed Dr. K. Sahetya would serve as Chair and they began development of the Physician Participation Policy.
- The group will be meeting at least monthly, and the next meeting is scheduled for the end of September. At their upcoming meetings, they will be finalizing corporate documents and selecting members for the various committees.

### Gulf South Quality Network:

- On September 11, Dr. Beau Raymond, Internal Medicine, and Dr. Roland Waguespack, Emergency Medicine, met with members of The Medical Center's Medical Executive Committee and the CIO Steering Committee to share their experience with clinical integration. Drs. Raymond and Waguespack are physician leaders with Gulf South Quality Health Network, a CIO based in Metairie, LA.

### IT Infrastructure:

The CIO will be using The Advisory Board's Crimson Suite of products to support its quality improvement efforts. The software is currently being installed and will be functional in time for CIO physicians to use with CHC's employees when they begin their next medical plan year in the Spring.

If you would like more information about the CIO program, feel free to contact an individual listed below or any physician on the Steering Committee:

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