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Kathy is the Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President for the University of Rochester's Strong Memorial Hospital, a 886 bed academic medical center providing all levels of quaternary, tertiary and primary care services to residents in the greater Rochester and Upstate NY regions.

Kathy has held numerous roles at the University of Rochester Medical Center since her graduation from the University with BS and MS degrees in Nursing and a PhD in Higher Education Administration including Director of Surgical Nursing Services and Director of Ambulatory Care. Kathy also held the position of Practitioner/Teacher in the surgical services while at Rush Presbyterian Medical Center in Chicago, IL.

In 1995, Kathy accepted the position of Senior Director of Hospital Operations at URMC, a key role on the medical center's management team. In 2000, she became the Chief Operating Officer of URMC's Strong Memorial Hospital. Key areas of focus for which Kathy is known include service line development, cost and quality management, program growth and expansion of services to better serve regional communities and establishing sustainable improvements in patient experience and employee engagement. Kathy has served on numerous community boards and has led community wide healthcare initiatives including serving as treasurer of the Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency, chairing its task force to reduce preventable hospitalizations, and serving as board member on the Greater Rochester Community Technology Assessment Advisory Board which provides coverage recommendations to payers. Most recently, Kathy has been elected Chairperson of the Finger Lakes Performing Provider System Board which is one of the 25 integrated clinical networks in NYS formed to participate in the DSRIP program and the transformation of the Medicaid program in NYS.

Kathy holds two academic appointments at the University of Rochester, Associate Professor in the School of Nursing and Clinical Associate Professor of Public Health Sciences in the School of Medicine and Dentistry. She is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives and is the author of several publications on clinical practice and administration.

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