Todd Davis, MD, Named Chief Medical Officer

We are proud to announce that Todd Davis, MD, has been named Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer (CMO) for CaroMont Health. With our work on Service Lines, movement towards being a Highly Reliable Organization, Performance Improvement and being a clinically-led, professionally managed organization, having Dr. Davis join this level of leadership will be highly beneficial to our organization.

Dr. Davis joined CaroMont Health in 2010 as Vice President of Medical Affairs following prior successful leadership duties including Anesthesiology Department Chairperson, Credential Committee Chairperson, Chief of Staff, member of the CaroMont Health Board of Directors and Surgery Council Vice Chairperson.

Dr. Davis received his undergraduate degree from the University of Richmond; attended the Medical College of Virginia, and performed his residency, internship and fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Dr. Davis is currently enrolled in a Medical Management program through Carnegie Mellon University. Dr. Davis is certified with the American Board of Anesthesiology and holds Critical Care Medicine certifications.

Join us in congratulating Dr. Davis on his new role.

Congratulations Great 100 Recipients

CaroMont Health is proud to announce two Great 100 Nurses of North Carolina recipients for 2015! Penny Stepp, BSN, RN, CCRN, CAPA, and Kathleen Kern-Wells, RN, BA, CAPA, from the Cardiovascular Short Stay Unit at CaroMont Regional Medical Center, were recognized as two of the top 100 nurses in North Carolina for their professional accomplishments, excellence in nursing practice and commitment to the nursing profession.

Congratulations Penny and Kathleen on receiving this well-deserved honor!

CARES - Showing Respect

Here are some simple ways we show respect to our patients, visitors and each other:

1. **Be courteous.** Treat others kindly and politely. Listen to what they have to say and accept their opinions – even if you don’t agree – without criticizing or butting in. Share ideas and thoughts openly, and encourage others on your team to do the same.

2. **Be understanding.** Listen to others and try to see their side. We can’t possibly know what others are going through, but we can control our own actions and response. Healthcare can be stressful for us, but even more so for our patients and their families. We show our respect for them by being knowledgeable, welcoming and understanding at all times.

3. **Learn from each other.** The world is full of many different kinds of people – and that’s a good thing! Being around people who have had different experiences can teach you a tremendous amount about yourself and the world around you. Being open to hearing and learning from others can help you gain a new perspective on life.
Teamwork and an iPad – that’s all CaroMont hospitalist Dr. Danielle Karbowski needed when she admitted a patient at 6 p.m. but ended her shift before she could get the results of a stat lab test she ordered.

“I got Cardiology involved thinking that she needed to go to the Cath Lab in the morning,” said Dr. Karbowski. “But I had a feeling it might be a pulmonary embolism.”

Following her gut, Dr. Karbowski ordered a D-Dimer, a test used to rule out the presence of a blood clot.

“When I got home, I checked her results from my iPad, and it was positive (for presence of a blood clot),” said Dr. Karbowski. “I called Dr. Courtney Weimert and said, ‘Can you order a CAT Scan on this patient? I think she might have a PE.’ She ordered the CAT scan for me from the hospital, and I had the result first thing in the morning. She was supposed to be getting a left heart cath, but because we got the CAT scan scheduled soon enough, we determined she didn’t need the left heart cath and the entire diagnosis changed.”

Dr. Karbowski credits Epic with helping her provide the best possible care to her patient, even while she was away from the hospital.

“This was possible because I was able to access the information after hours on my iPad,” she said. “I have a Mac, and I’ve always had trouble pulling up Soarian, so I had never been able to have home access. I thought it was really cool that I could remotely access my labs.”

Dr. Weimart, a fellow hospitalist who stepped in to order the scan that helped Dr. Karbowski’s patient, has been pleased with how well the system is working and the teamwork she has seen over the last few days.

“I think we’re getting there,” she said. “Any time you change to a new system, you’re going to have some growing pains, but I think it’s gone well. Everybody seems to be onboard and trying really hard. Over the past three days, we’ve seen a lot of progress with comfort level. People are starting to look deeper into the functionality of Epic versus the basics.”

Epic Highlights

- Computerized Physician Order Entry rate is 77%
- 4525 patient records shared between hospitals through Epic
- 83% decrease in dictation utilization since Go-Live
CaroMont Goes Epic - What are people saying?

“I think the way CaroMont scheduled and prepared has made this transition relatively smooth. Of course, there have been little minor glitches, but if the only thing I can complain about is a printer not working, I think that’s a pretty successful Go-Live. Epic allows me to allocate more time to patient care, and I want to commend Dr. Saiyed and the CaroMont administration for anticipating the difficulty of Go-Live and bringing in and training expert staff.” - Dr. Graydon Stallard, General Surgeon, CaroMont Surgical Associates

“I used Epic up north, and once you get into your own groove and get it down, you’re going to love it too!” - Cinda Seigle-Gildenhorn, UCC/PCT, the Birthplace

“So far, so good! It has a lot of potential. We’re still starting, so we’re having little difficulties here and there, but hopefully at the end it’s all going to pan out and we’re going to be happy with it.” - Sam Katrib, Radiation Therapist, CaroMont Cancer Center

“On the first day of Epic Go-Live, I had a pretty complicated patient that did not have any records whatsoever in Soarian. I was going to go ahead and request records from some outside hospitals, but I figured I would try Care Everywhere in Epic. I hit that and boom, I got more medical records than I could have wanted in two seconds. It saved me several hours of work and it improved patient care because I had the information right away. It’s a game-changer in terms of getting medical records for patients.” - Dr. Eric Schuls, Assistant Medical Director, CaroMont Hospitalist Program