

John B. Bulger, D.O., MBA

Chief Quality Officer
Geisinger Health System

John B. Bulger, DO, MBA has been the Chief Quality Officer for the Geisinger Health System since 2011. Geisinger's Division of Quality and Safety manages both a regulatory and innovative quality improvement portfolio that included performance improvement, risk management, infection control, patient experience, and ProvenCare®.

Dr. Bulger founded Geisinger Medical Center's hospitalist program in 1999 and lead the program's development to include six hospitals and over 100 physicians and advanced practitioners.

Dr. Bulger serves on regional and national groups aimed at improving the quality of medical care. He was appointed by the Governor of Pennsylvania to serve on the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority and serves on its executive committee. He is a member of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's standing workgroup on evaluation of its Quality Indicators™ and the National Quality Forum's All-Cause Admissions and Readmissions Steering Committee for the All-Cause Admissions and Readmissions Endorsement Maintenance Project. Dr. Bulger serves on the Society of Hospital Medicine's (SHM) healthcare quality and patient safety committee and has lead SHM's participation in the American Board of Internal Medicine Foundation's Choosing Wisely Campaign®.

Dr. Bulger is a recognized leader in osteopathic medical education. He is a member of the American Osteopathic Association's (AOA) Commission of College Accreditation (COCA), the national accrediting body for colleges of osteopathic medicine. He is a past chair of the AOA's Program and Trainee Review Council - the national accrediting body for osteopathic graduate medical education. He holds appointments as a Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine and Regional Assistant Dean at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) and an Associate Professor of Medicine at Temple University School of Medicine.

Dr. Bulger is a senior fellow of the SHM and a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Internists (ACOI), the American College of Physicians, and the Association of Osteopathic Directors and Medical Educators (AODME). He holds leadership positions in many medical organizations and institutions. He is the Secretary-Treasurer of the ACOI, is a past-president of the AODME and serves on PCOM's board of trustees. He is a recipient of the 2001 American Medical Association Emerging Leader Award and the 2003 American Osteopathic Foundation Emerging Leader Award. He also received the ACOI's Teacher of the Year award in 2005. He received Juniata College's Health Professions Alumni Appreciation Award in 2009 and the AODME's Leadership Award in 2013.

Dr. Bulger is a lifelong resident of Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of Juniata College, PCOM, and the Pennsylvania State University. His wife, Michele, also a Juniata and PCOM graduate, is a pediatrician and member of Geisinger's faculty. They reside in Danville with their children Ethan, Ben, and Ava.