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## **New Chief Quality and Safety Officer selected for Maine Medical Center and MaineHealth system**

*Dr. Omar Hasan, most recently a vice president with the American Medical Association, will join Maine's largest hospital and hospital system in October.*

Portland, Maine (Sept 9, 2016) – Maine Medical Center and its parent organization, MaineHealth, have tapped a highly respected physician leader with the American Medical Association to fill the role of senior vice president, chief quality and safety officer for the hospital organizations.

Dr. Omar Hasan, currently vice president, improving health outcomes at the American Medical Association in Chicago, will be the first leader to fill the SVP, chief quality and safety officer role at MaineHealth and Maine Medical Center.

"We have created this role as one of several steps we are taking to assure we continue to offer high quality and safe care to our patients," explained Richard Petersen, president and CEO of Maine Medical Center.

Petersen said Hasan was a clear choice for the newly created position. He cited Hasan's commitment to improving patient care, safety and health outcomes throughout a career as a leader in medical quality and safety.

In his role at the AMA, Hasan led a multidisciplinary team that designed, piloted and implemented interventions to improve population health through better care for chronic medical conditions and created new tools for patient self-management. Previously, he served as medical director, continuum of care strategies at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston from 2010 through 2012. In addition to

other positions and appointments, Hasan has served as instructor in medicine at Harvard Medical School and completed fellowships at Harvard Medical School (general medicine) and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (quality improvement). He completed residency training in internal medicine at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine in 2000 and has also held clinical and administrative positions in private practice.

Hasan is originally from Pakistan where he earned his medical degree from King Edward Medical University in Lahore. He moved to the United States in 1997 and also has master's degrees in healthcare management and clinical epidemiology from the Harvard School of Public Health.

William Caron, president of MaineHealth, which has member hospitals throughout southern, central and western Maine as well as Carroll County, N.H., said Hasan will work extensively with leaders at Maine Medical Center, the state's largest tertiary care hospital. But he also will work closely with MaineHealth's chief medical officer, Dr. Joan Boomsma, to assure quality and safety across the system. Caron said Hasan will lead the development of an integrated, system-wide approach to quality, patient safety and measurement.

"Health care systems across the country are rightly putting greater emphasis on quality and safety, which makes sense given the growing complexity of medical care," said Caron. "We are fortunate to have such an accomplished national expert in this field join us in these efforts."

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