



Director of Nursing, Oncology

Leadership Profile

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The Opportunity

Episcopal Health Services, Inc. (EHS), located in Queens, New York, seeks nominations and applications for its Director of Nursing, Oncology. This is an exciting opportunity for a quality-focused nursing leader to guide patient care in oncology services throughout the region, while partnering with medical staff to ensure a focus on delivery of care and superb outcomes. The Director of Nursing, Oncology will be a nursing leader, with exceptional knowledge on all aspects of patient care and the delivery of oncology services.

Reporting to the Ambulatory Executive Director of Nursing and up to the Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer, the Director of Nursing, Oncology will collaborate with nursing leaders, nursing staff and physicians across the service line to position EHS as a community-focused and high-quality care provider of oncology services.

Priorities for the new leader include delivering exceptional patient care (in coordination with EHS' medical and administrative leadership) across the oncology service line. Accountabilities include supporting patient outcomes relative to patient flow, clinical outcomes, patient engagement, overall clinical efficiency, and the delivery of culturally competent and consistent care across the service line (in coordination with EHS' care continuum). The ability to develop productive relationships with nursing staff, physicians and EHS' Executive Leadership Team will be key deliverables for the new leader.

The Director of Nursing, Oncology has responsibility for unit management, as it relates to patient safety, patient care standards, and adherence to relevant regulatory and compliance standards.

EHS, the largest employer on the Peninsula, has a dedicated team of more than 400 physicians, over 1,500 employees, and many committed volunteers. St. John's Episcopal Hospital is Episcopal Health Services, Inc.'s main campus location. The 257-bed acute care facility is widely recognized as the only hospital providing emergency and ambulatory care to the densely populated surrounding communities that are culturally and economically diverse and medically underserved.

The successful candidate will be a nursing leader with at least five years of experience in a progressive healthcare nursing leadership role and a minimum of three years of experience in an oncology nursing leadership role. A Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) is required.

The Director of Nursing, Oncology will be a visible nursing leader who prioritizes transparent communication and the delivery of exceptional patient care. The candidate will have a proven track record of building relationships, trust, and credibility across a diverse group of stakeholders and functional leaders in a complex health system. The Director of Nursing, Oncology will leverage EHS' capabilities, inspire nursing staff across the service line, communicate EHS' commitment to high-quality, safe, efficient, and innovative care and support the organization's commitment to close the gap on healthcare disparities in the communities that EHS serves.

EHS is dedicated to promoting health care equity and ensuring that all oncology patients have access to high quality care, regardless of their background, circumstances or ability to pay.

Organization Overview

St. John's Episcopal Hospital

Celebrating over 110 years of community care, St. John's Episcopal Hospital is Episcopal Health Services, Inc.'s main campus location. The hospital is a 257-bed acute care facility located in Far Rockaway, a neighborhood on the eastern part of the Rockaway Peninsula in the New York City borough of Queens. The hospital is widely recognized as the only hospital providing emergency and ambulatory care to its surrounding communities, densely populated, culturally and economically diverse, and medically underserved populations.

EHS is the largest employer on the Peninsula, with approximately 2,000 employees. Most of the workforce is unionized through 1199, CIR, SSOBA, and Local 30. The network lies within the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island. St. John's Episcopal Hospital has established strong relationships with internal and external stakeholders, elected officials, community groups, and unions.

Care Locations and Services

As a non-profit, faith-based institution, St. John's Episcopal Hospital provides people of all faiths with comprehensive preventive diagnostic treatment and rehabilitative services, regardless of ability to pay. The hospital's impact continues to grow with the construction of a new ambulatory pavilion. EHS medical groups and outpatient behavioral health facilities are spread across Queens and Long Island, with the main campus in the Rockaways. Services provided include emergency medicine, a dialysis center, family practice, a hospitalist program, imaging, internal medicine, laboratory, obstetrics and gynecology, ophthalmology, pastoral care, pediatrics, physical and occupational therapy, population health, psychiatry, surgery, urology, community outreach, health education, and the hyperbaric center. St. John's Episcopal Hospital provides care through the following entities:

- St. John's Episcopal Hospital: Emergency and Ambulatory Care
- St. John's Medical Group (SJMG)
- A Mobile Health Unit
- St. John's Outpatient Behavioral Health Service Sites:
 - Community Mental Health Center (CMHC)
 - Wellness and Recovery Center (WRC)
 - Family Peer Support Services
 - Children's Care Coordination Program
 - Home Base Crisis Intervention (HBCI)

EHS' Clinics are staffed by SJMG providers. All clinics are Article 28 Diagnostic and Treatment Centers (DTCs) (Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services accredited hospital outpatient clinics), except for the Specialty and Surgical Clinics located at 105th Street.

The clinics include pediatric specialty services in endocrinology, neonatal, neurology and pulmonary and adult clinic specialties in family practice, internal medicine.

Clinical learning specialty care is provided in:

- Arthritis
- Audiology
- Cardiology
- Colorectal/General Surgery
- Dermatology

- Endocrinology
- ENT
- Gastroenterology
- Infectious Disease
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- OBGYN
- Orthopedics
- Podiatry
- Pulmonary
- Surgery
- Urology
- Vascular
- Vascular Surgery
- Wound Care Clinic specialties
- Wound Care

SJMG's Specialty Clinic at 105th Street provides care in the following specialties:

- Cardiology
- Dermatology
- Endocrinology
- Neurology
- Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
- Podiatry
- Psychiatry

In addition, SJMG provides surgical clinical care at 105th Street, including:

- Colorectal Surgery
- Family Practice
- General Surgery
- Neurosurgery
- Orthopedics Surgery
- Vascular Surgery

The Margaret O. Carpenter Women's Health Center provides care in women's specialties, including Breast Oncology, Family Practice / OBGYN, GYN Oncology and Maternal Fetal Medicine. A nurse practitioner and nutritionist are on staff.

Patient Express Care specialty care is provided in family practice and obstetrics.

The Gerard Walsh Ambulatory Pavilion provides internal medicine and family medicine care, as well as OBGYN care. Endoscopy, Behavioral Health, Oncology, and Imaging services are also provided.

Graduate Medical Education

St. John's Episcopal Hospital is accredited by The Joint Commission's Health Facilities Accreditation Program and is approved by the New York State Department of Health. The hospital is a recipient of the Gold-Plus Get with the

Guidelines®-Stroke Quality Achievement Award and the Gold-Plus Get with the Guidelines®-Heart Failure Quality Achievement Award from the American Heart Association.

St. John's Episcopal Hospital is a teaching hospital, training over 180 residents annually in ten Graduate Medical Education programs accredited by the New York State Department of Education. Their family medicine, general surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, rotating internship, and ophthalmology programs are accredited by the American Osteopathic Association and are affiliated with Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. Internal medicine, dermatology, and psychiatry are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. Graduate medical education programs in podiatry and wound care are accredited by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education.

The hospital strives to support area residents in achieving optimal health outcomes and quality of life. Services extend beyond inpatient and outpatient care to include outreach to the community to improve health status. Outreach services include behavioral health screening, screening for hypertension, asthma, and diabetes, and information on health insurance, social work, and nutrition counseling. The Speaker's Bureau is another service provided that offers assistance to community organizations by arranging for doctors, nurses, social workers, pastors, nutritionists, and other healthcare professionals who conduct health education on topics such as childbirth and parenting, diabetes, asthma, hypertension, grieving, weight management and nutrition, osteoporosis, cholesterol management, substance abuse, scabies, exercise, aging, depression, and emergency care. The Mobile Health Unit offers services, such as administering flu shots and sharing imperative health education material that supports the community's health initiatives and healthcare partners on the Peninsula.

Mission

St. John's Episcopal Hospital, in partnership with the community, provides exceptional healthcare and education programs in an academic setting across the continuum of care. They deliver high-quality, value-based services with cultural sensitivity to the faiths and traditions of those it serves.

Vision

St. John's Episcopal Hospital will build an effective coalition aimed at achieving improved community health status in a financially stable environment, with emphasis on serving the needs of its patients and families, while training the physicians and healthcare providers of tomorrow.

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For more information on St. John's Episcopal Hospital, please visit: <https://ehs.org/>

Position Summary

The Director of Nursing, Oncology is responsible for leading nursing operations for inpatient and ambulatory oncology services across EHS. The new Director of Nursing, Oncology will be a committed nursing leader who cultivates an environment prioritizing excellent clinical care delivery, strong staff, patient and family engagement, and a high-reliability culture.

Delivering quality care, fostering strong relationships with nursing staff, nursing leadership, physicians, and other providers are key priorities for the new leader. Collaboration and leading care delivery approaches aligned with EHS' mission are additional priorities for the new leader. The successful candidate will support EHS' mission of closing the gap on healthcare disparities, advancing health equity, and promoting the goals of continuous learning and improvement.

Reporting Relationships

Reporting to Ambulatory Executive Director of Nursing, the Director of Nursing, Oncology is a key member of the nursing leadership team and EHS' oncology service line. The new leader will partner closely with EHS' Executive Leadership Team, nursing leaders, physician leaders and the Senior Director, Oncology to advance oncology services. The Director of Nursing, Oncology will have direct oversight of the Infusion and Radiology Departments, and their direct reports will include the Certified Medical Office Assistants and Registered Nurses on staff.

Responsibilities

The successful candidate will:

- Build and implement programs and strategies that will improve overall nursing operations, patientcare, and patient engagement across the oncology service line.
- Cultivate productive and collaborative relationships with nursing staff, physicians, staff, patients, and families.
- Foster transparent communication and build a nursing culture that prioritizes quality care, a high level of strong customer service, and staff accountability.
- Support a nursing culture that balances the delivery of quality patientcare with fiscal discipline.
- Develop and monitor operational goals, an annual operating budget, dashboards, and key quality/financial measurements.
- Responsible for adherence to all federal, state, and local regulatory, compliance and accreditation requirements.
- Monitor the service line's patient and staff engagement scores and identify opportunities to improve patient experience and staff engagement.
- Develop quality assessment and performance improvement programs for oncology services; implement clinical benchmarking initiatives.
- Work collaboratively with nursing leadership to mentor and develop strong nursing leaders across oncology services.
- Partner with nursing and administrative leadership to recruit, onboard, and retain nursing talent across oncology services.
- Lead quality and care initiatives that support evidence-based practice and quality improvement.

Goals and Objectives

The following goals and objectives have been identified as priorities for this position:

- Establish personal and professional credibility across EHS and gain the respect and trust of all internal and external constituents. Embrace EHS' values and be recognized as a leader who promotes transparency, collaboration, inclusion, and a just culture.
- In collaboration with the Senior Director, Oncology and EHS' Executive Leadership Team, implement patientcare strategies that support the delivery of consistent high-quality oncology care.
- Accountable for oncology services' daily nursing operations; create dashboards and metrics that monitor patient outcomes and overall nursing performance, including staff turnover and vacancy rates.
- Advance efforts to enhance patient experience and improve clinical and quality outcomes.
- Recruit, mentor, and develop nursing staff across the service line; support open communication, collaboration, and partnership across different locations.
- Partner with EHS leaders across all clinics and ambulatory services to promote transparent and productive professional relationships with colleagues, including EHS' leadership teams, physicians, and nursing leaders.
- Champion evidence-based clinical practice and optimal patient/resident outcome across the service line. Encourage a climate of transparency without repercussions. Create a culture that values visibility and accountability to drive improvement.
- Monitor and benchmark progress in Leapfrog measures and decile quality performance.
- Remain current on trends and best practices in oncology care, continuous improvement, and high reliability.
- Identify disparities in care across the service line; ensure that consistent and culturally competent care is provided.
- Support efforts that foster engagement, collaboration, integration and coordination among cancer specialties through dyad partnerships across EHS.

Candidate Qualifications

The successful candidate will be an experienced quality leader with a strong track record of leadership in a complex ambulatory, healthcare, teaching hospital, and/or academic medical environment. Prior experience working in oncology services is required for the role.

Education and Training

Education/Certification

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) is required.
- Master's Degree is preferred.
- Licensure of the ability to obtain licensure as a registered nurse in the State of New York is required.
- ONC certification required.

Knowledge and Work Experience

- Minimum of five years of nursing leadership experience gained in a complex healthcare setting, including an academic medical center, teaching hospital or ambulatory setting.
- Minimum of three years of nursing experience in oncology services.
- A successful track record in a nursing leadership role, responsible for improving and enhancing operations, physician collaboration, patient access, and clinical outcomes.
- Experience supporting patientcare, care-delivery, and patient engagement outcomes in oncology services.
- Process-focused leader who will utilize methodologies to drive efficient and consistent care.
- Strong financial and budgeting skills.
- Proven background in driving engagement with staff and patients.
- Highly credible clinical leader. Must be able to earn the respect and trust of the staff and physicians within the oncology services and across EHS.
- Excellent physician-liaison and relationship experience and skills.

Leadership Skills and Competencies

- Earns respect and trust through demonstrated experience, collaboration, and results orientation.
- Ability to reach a broad audience, which includes physician leadership, staff, and community constituents.
- A strong collaborator.
- Flexibility and openness to hearing other points of view.
- Superb oral and written communication skills.
- A skilled influencer who is comfortable working in a highly matrixed environment.

- An analytics-savvy leader who uses data to drive decision-making and strategic planning.
- Exhibits creativity, innovation, and humility as a servant leader.
- A passion for excellence.
- Possesses high emotional intelligence.
- Visionary.
- Visible and engaging, possesses a strong interest in people, a sense of humor, and a confident yet accessible style.
- Ability to motivate others and build high-performing teams.
- Courageous, willing to take risks and be innovative.
- Holds a core commitment to mission and serving others.

Procedure for Candidacy

Please direct all nominations, inquiries, applications of interest, CVs, and resumes to Lisa DeSimone Arthur preferably via the WittKieffer candidate portal, which can be accessed [here](#). Other comments, concerns, or questions may be addressed to Anissa Conner via email at aconner@wittkieffer.com.

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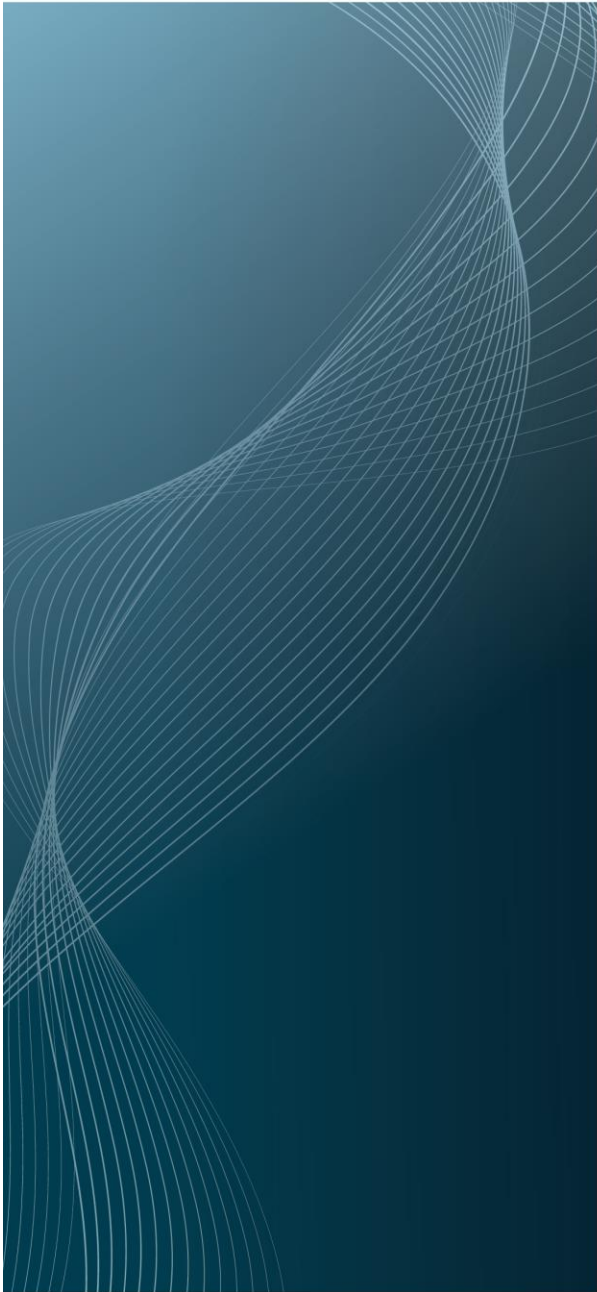
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Expected Salary Range: \$215,000

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