



Shawn Dufford, MD, MBA
Senior Vice President, Chief Medical Officer for Acute Care Operations

Shawn Dufford joined SCL Health as Chief Medical Officer for Acute Care Operations in May 2015, after serving as Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of Saint Joseph Hospital since 2011. Dr. Dufford leads the health system's quality, safety and clinical regulatory matters across the healthcare continuum, with a focus on our care site operations.

At Saint Joseph Hospital, Dr. Dufford was integrally involved in the design, planning and transition to the new hospital. He also provided key clinical leadership in the evaluation, due diligence and planning for the joint operating agreement between Saint Joseph Hospital and National Jewish Health. He had operational oversight of perioperative services and oversight of the 1,450 medical staff and 300 mid-level providers. Before that, Dr. Dufford served as the Medical Director of Perioperative Services for Saint Joseph and the Physician Director of Performance Improvement for Colorado Permanente Medical Group, where he also served as a staff anesthesiologist for eight years. Before his healthcare career, Dr. Dufford was a flight instructor and corporate pilot and spent nine years as a firefighter and paramedic in the Denver area.

He completed a surgery internship and anesthesia residency at the University of Colorado and earned a master's degree in business administration from Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver.

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