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Interim Vice President and CIO
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Heather Nelson is currently in the role of Interim Vice President and Chief Information Officer for the Chicago Biological Information Services division at UChicago Medicine. In the role of Interim VP/CIO, she has responsibilities for supporting all the information management systems (clinical & business/administrative), infrastructure, clinical engineering, IT support services, IT Project Management Office, integration, reporting, and analytics capabilities & technologies , as well as the privacy & IT security functions for UChicago Medicine. Her team is comprised of talented IT professionals that are dedicated to supporting patient care and care teams throughout the health system and in our communities. With that, the teams have been recognized for their contributions to UChicago Medicine by receiving the Most Wired Award in 2017 from Hospitals & Health Networks annual survey.

Heather joined UChicago Medicine in 2014 as the Executive Director of Applications Systems with oversight of all the clinical and revenue cycle management applications, clinical engineering team, population health strategies and systems, and support of the UCM Care Network strategies and systems.

Prior to joining UChicago Medicine, Heather spent time at Baystate Health in Springfield, MA as a Senior Director of Applications and IT Operations, including an Interim CIO assignment and 10-years at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids, MI with roles in Laboratory Services, Case Management, and increasing leadership responsibilities within the Information Technology division. Heather holds a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Alma College in Alma, MI as well as a Master's in Healthcare Administration from Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant.

Heather is active in community organizations including the American Heart Association Go Red/Go STEM and the Go Red/Go Women committees as well as the Step-Up program in Chicago that mentors and empowers girls to finish high-school on time and attend college.

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