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Senior Vice President & Chief Quality Officer, Mercy Health

Since 1984, Dr. Starke has practiced general Internal Medicine in St. Louis. He has been actively engaged for improving the delivery of health care for many years.

He was a co-founder of St. John's Mercy Medical Group which had grown to 163 primary care physicians in the St. Louis metropolitan area by 2010. That group merged with a loose multi-specialty organization and now functions as Mercy Clinic comprised of approximately 600 physicians.



He served as Vice President of Medical Affairs from 1994 to 2004, coordinating models of care for disease management in congestive heart failure with telephonic and home care case management, having a significant decrease in readmission rates to the hospital as well as improved quality of life measures. He was a co-winner in the 2002 St. Louis Technology Award for Manage-Net, an Internet-based case management program for diabetes mellitus.

He has also served on the St John's Mercy Medical Center Board of Directors from 1994-2004, serving as Chairman of the Patient Safety and Quality Committee of the Board. He has spent several weeks in El Salvador on medical mission work. As Chairman of the Department of Medicine, he has led the development of a new model for training residents with significant focus on ambulatory or primary care internal medicine, hoping to attract more residents into the practice of primary care internal medicine.

He served as Chief Quality Officer for Mercy East Region for 5 years and had been a leader in pathway development for the ministry. Much of his time is also spent on patient safety initiatives for Mercy Hospital St. Louis. He assumed responsibility for the larger health system as Chief Quality Officer for Mercy Health in Chesterfield, Missouri in June, 2014.

Born and raised in St Louis, he is married with 2 grown children and 4 grandchildren. He attended St Louis University School of Medicine, serving as class President and winning the Alumni Distinguished Student Award.

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