



Edward J. Zaragoza, MD

New Medical Director of Radiology at Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital (MLKCH)

Dr. Ed Zaragoza will be assuming the role of Medical Director of Radiology at Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital (MLKCH) for a three-year term, effective immediately. Dr. Zaragoza has long been involved with MLKCH, serving on the Medical Executive Committee since its inception in several capacities, including as Chief of Staff, while helping to shape the clinical and education programs that have made MLKCH a model for community-based care.

In addition to these his new responsibilities as Medical Director of Radiology, he will continue to serve as Vice Chair of IT, ensuring that radiology services at MLKCH remain at the forefront of technology, safety and operational efficiency. Jonathan G. Goldin, MD, PhD, Distinguished Professor of Radiology and Leo G. Rigler Chair of the Department of Radiological Sciences, who preceded Dr. Zaragoza as Medical Director of Radiology, will remain active on the Joint Executive Management Committee to support ongoing partnership with UCLA Health Radiology and strategy.

Dr. Zaragoza will be supported in his new capacity by Dr. Plotkin, Diagnostic Lead; Dr. Plotnik, Interventional Radiology Lead; and Donan Charles, Director of Radiology at MLKCH. Together, this leadership team will work to advance the quality, access and collaborative spirit of the MLKCH and UCLA radiology services in South Los Angeles. MLKCH continues to be an increasingly important partner for UCLA Health Radiology, especially in light of the shifting landscape of Medicare and Medicaid funding and the ongoing health disparities in the surrounding community. This appointment underscores UCLA's commitment to inclusive excellence in health care delivery and represents a hands-on expression of its support for MLKCH's mission and patients. 