Stony Brook University Hospital

Director of Healthcare Epidemiology

The Opportunity

The Location & The Health System

Requirements & Responsibilities
THE OPPORTUNITY

- 603-bed hospital with Average Daily Census of 625
- Adding two hospitals with approximately 125 and 50 beds, respectively
- 7 FTEs report to this Director: 6 ICPs and 1 Administrative Assistant
- EMR – Cerner
- Surveillance – Currently manual, converting to either MedMined or Cerner
- Long Island’s premier academic medical center and home to the region’s only tertiary care and Regional Trauma Center
- Open due to current Director’s upcoming retirement

The Director of Healthcare Epidemiology reports to the Chief Medical Officer and has the responsibility to lead a team of Infection Control Practitioners and to develop and implement the system-wide Infection Prevention program, which will include Stony Brook University Hospital, Southampton Hospital, Eastern Long Island Hospital and more than 35 outpatient clinics.
The Healthcare System

Stony Brook Medicine integrates and elevates all of Stony Brook University’s health-related initiatives: education, research and patient care. It includes six Health Sciences schools, as well as Stony Brook University Hospital, Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, Stony Brook Children’s Hospital and more than 90 community-based healthcare settings throughout Suffolk County.

Stony Brook University Hospital (SBUH) is Long Island’s premier academic medical center. With 603 beds, SBUH serves as the region’s only tertiary care center and Regional Trauma Center, and is home to the Stony Brook University Heart Institute, Stony Brook University Cancer Center, Stony Brook Children’s Hospital and Stony Brook University Neurosciences Institute. SBUH also encompasses Suffolk County’s only Level 4 Regional Perinatal Center, state-designated AIDS Center, state-designated Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program, state-designated Burn Center, the Christopher Pendergast ALS Center of Excellence, and Kidney Transplant Center. It is home of the nation’s first Pediatric Multiple Sclerosis Center.
LOCATION — Stony Brook, NY

Situated on the North Shore of Long Island, Stony Brook is home to numerous attractions, magnificent nature, and historic grounds, with a population just over 14,000. The historic village lies at the geographic midpoint of Long Island, approximately 60 miles east of Manhattan and 60 miles west of Montauk Point.

Some of Stony Brook's places of interest include the State University of New York at Stony Brook, The Stony Brook School, "Stony Brook Village", The Long Island Museum of American Art, History and Carriages, and The Stony Brook Medical Center. Stony Brook is only a short distance to the white sand beaches at Fire Island, the beautiful Hamptons resorts and the East End vineyards.
**Core Responsibilities**

- Develops, implements, and maintains a system-wide plan to reduce the spread of infection and communicable diseases

- Responsible for the oversight and management of daily operation of the Healthcare Epidemiology Department

- Serve as a mentor / resource for 6 full-time Infection Control Practitioners and 1 Staff Assistant, including scheduling, staffing, and evaluation as well as competency rating of all employees

- With the emphasis on improvement and publicly reported data, the Director will possess a heightened ability to provide statistical analysis of data, NHSN data management, evaluate the program annually and implement prevention strategies in collaboration with front line workers and leadership. This is accomplished through evaluating the risk assessment and infection control action plan annually and as needed.

**Requirements**

**Education**
- BSN and Master’s Degree required

**Licensure/ Certification**
- Registered Nurse
- Certification in Infection Control

**Experience**
- 7-10 years in Infection Prevention
- Program and personnel management experience in acute care

**A successful candidate will have the following traits:**

- Ability to communicate and collaborate across entire organization
- Subject matter expert who is a participatory leader
- Patient Safety and Performance Improvement mindset
Dr. Sands earned his Bachelor of Science and Medical Degrees from Northwestern University, as well as a Masters of Business Administration from Case Western Reserve University-Weatherhead School of Management. He previously served as the Enterprise Associate Chief Quality Officer for the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, where he was responsible for standardizing high-risk quality clinical operations across 10 Health System hospitals, 15 Family Health Centers, and eight Ambulatory Surgery Centers. In addition, he is also board certified in Diagnostic Radiology and acted as Vice Chairman of Clinical Operations and Quality of the Cleveland Clinic's Enterprise-wide Imaging Institute (Radiology).

Dr. Sands' 27-year career in medicine and experience in a variety of leadership positions at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation allows him to bring a unique perspective on the healthcare landscape to his new role. As Chief Medical Officer, he will oversee the clinical operation that includes the quality of care and patient safety, coordination of clinical care, development of clinical information systems and physician engagement.

"We are excited to have Dr. Sands join our leadership team," said Ernest J. Baptiste, CEO, SBUH. "He brings a commitment to patient safety and quality that will greatly benefit Stony Brook University Hospital during a time of tremendous change in healthcare. Dr. Sands' expertise in clinical systems improvement will be of considerable benefit as we continue to grow, improve our clinical outcomes and deliver on our commitment to providing quality care to the communities we serve."