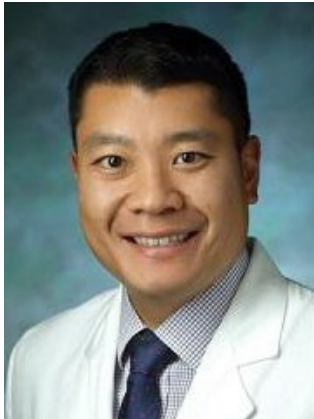




BECKER'S HOSPITAL REVIEW RECOGNIZES DR. KOBAYASHI AS CMO TO KNOW



Medical Center and Medical Group Chief Medical Officer (CMO) [Kimi Kobayashi, MD](#), has been recognized by Becker's Hospital Review as one of its "252 Hospital and Health System Chief Medical Officers to Know | 2026."

According to Becker's, "These physician executives are instrumental in elevating patient safety, upholding rigorous quality standards, strengthening collaboration between executive leadership and medical staff, and guiding risk management efforts." Becker's also says, "As champions of clinical excellence and continuous improvement, their leadership has helped their organizations achieve distinguished quality and safety recognitions."

The article notes Dr. Kobayashi's role overseeing capacity management and throughput; his focus on length of stay, patient flow and systemwide coordination; his work to address complex clinical, operational and communication challenges;

and his pivotal role in a collaborative initiative to optimize patient movement, asset utilization and access to care across the system.

Dr. Kobayashi oversees hospital medicine, the electronic intensive care unit (eICU) program, employee health services and palliative care. Under his leadership, key patient safety indicators have achieved improved outcomes. He is also credited as being a national voice in capacity management through his advisory work with an American Hospital Association-sponsored consortium and as chair of Vizient's chief medical executive advisory committee.

[See the 252 Hospital and Health System Chief Medical Officers to Know | 2026 list.](#)