

Jonathan Morris

Jonathan Morris, MD, FACEP, MBA graduated from the Indiana University School of Medicine and attended post-graduate training at the University of Texas Medical Branch. He is certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine and has practiced emergency medicine since 1980, joining the medical staff of WellStar Kennestone Hospital on the north side of Atlanta, Georgia in 1986. Kennestone is a Level II Trauma Center and the busiest ED in the state of Georgia caring for over 120,000 patients each year. Dr. Morris continues to practice emergency medicine in the Kennestone ED at present.

In April 2011 Dr. Morris began work as WellStar Health System's interim Chief Information Officer, assuming the permanent role in December 2011. Since that time he has worked with senior leadership to facilitate a comprehensive strategic realignment of WellStar's Information Technology Department with the goal of developing a transparent, accountable and service-oriented culture.

Dr. Morris worked with WellStar's senior leadership to implement system-level IT governance. One result of this work was publication of WellStar Information Technology's initial strategic IT roadmap in May 2012, defining nineteen Vital Initiatives to better focus both system and Information Technology resources with the goal of successful, on-time implementations. In the last three years, WellStar has moved into new primary and secondary centers, implemented Lawson ERP and migrated the system from multiple disparate clinical and revenue cycle applications onto a single enterprise Epic EHR. An updated IT roadmap is under final review and will be released this year.

In addition to his work as WellStar's CIO, Dr. Morris continues to practice Emergency Medicine at Kennestone which allows him to continue caring for patients, facilitates provider engagement and helps maintain and leverage perspective around the end-user clinician and patient experience.