



## THE QUEEN'S MEDICAL CENTER

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## **THE QUEEN'S MEDICAL CENTER NAMES DANIEL CHENG, M.D. MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE QUEEN'S CARE COALITION**

HONOLULU - The Queen's Medical Center has named **Daniel Cheng, M.D.** Medical Director of the Queen's Care Coalition.

The Queen's Care Coalition will help address the needs of the homeless and patients who utilize the Queen's Emergency Room frequently. Focusing on social determinants of health will be a priority through intensive care navigation and improving coordination between our acute care health delivery and outpatient social services.

Dr. Cheng will also be working with myConnections<sup>TM</sup>, a program from UnitedHealthcare Community & State, to coordinate the implementation of a 5-year \$4.5 Million multicenter award from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services at The Queen's Medical Center. The award will be focused on identifying key social determinants of health that impact health care utilization among Oahu's Medicare and Medicaid populations. Through these programs in addition to legislative advocacy, the Queen's Care Coalition will be focused on fulfilling Queen Emma's mission of improving the overall health of Hawaii's most at-risk population while attempting to address the unsustainable costs from the 3.6% of Hawaii's Medicaid population that consume 63% (\$1.2 Billion) of state Medicaid costs.

Dr. Cheng is also Assistant Chief of The Queen's Medical Center Emergency Department. He was born and raised on Oahu and obtained a master's in public health from UCLA, attended medical school at the University of Hawaii and completed his residency in Emergency Medicine at USC-Los Angeles County Hospital in 2013.

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The Queen's Medical Center (Queen's), a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation established in 1859 by Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV, is an acute care medical facility accredited by The Joint Commission. The facility is licensed for 575 acute beds and serves as the major tertiary and quaternary referral center for cancer, cardiovascular disease, neuroscience, orthopaedics, surgery, emergency medicine and behavioral health medicine. It is the state's designated trauma center verified as Level I by the American College of Surgeons. It has the only organ transplantation program in Hawaii. Queen's is a major teaching hospital, serving as a clinical training site for the residency programs sponsored by the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii. Queen's is the only hospital in Hawaii to achieve Magnet® status – the highest institutional honor for hospital excellence – from the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

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