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Dr. Jonathan B. Perlin is President, Clinical Services and Chief Medical Officer of Nashville, Tennessee-based HCA Healthcare). He provides leadership for clinical services and improving performance at HCA's 171 hospitals and more than 1,000 outpatient surgical, urgent care and other practice units. Current activities include: advancing electronic health records for learning healthcare and continuous improvement; driving value through (big) data science and advanced analytics; and elevating measured clinical performance and patient safety to benchmark levels. His team recently completed the landmark REDUCE MRSA study that demonstrated a 44 percent improvement on known best practices for reducing bloodstream infections.

Before joining HCA in 2006, "the Honorable Jonathan B. Perlin" was Under Secretary for Health in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate, as the senior-most physician in the Federal Government and Chief Executive Officer of the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Dr. Perlin led the nation's largest integrated health system.

At VHA, Dr. Perlin directed care to over 5.4 million patients annually by more than 200,000 healthcare professionals at 1,400 sites, including hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, counseling centers and other facilities, with an operating and capital budget of \$37.4 billion. A champion for early implementation of electronic health records, Dr. Perlin led VHA quality performance to international recognition as reported in academic literature and lay press and as evaluated by RAND, the Institute of Medicine, and others.

Dr. Perlin was recently appointed to the Congressional Budget Office Panel of Health Advisors. He also serves as chair of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs' Special Medical Advisory Group. Dr. Perlin was the 2015 chairman of the American Hospital Association. In 2014, Dr. Perlin took a "sabbatical" from HCA to serve as Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to help improve operations, accelerate access and rebuild trust with America's Veterans. Dr. Perlin has served previously on numerous Boards and Commissions including the Joint Commission and the National Patient Safety Foundation and currently serves on the Board of Meharry Medical College and the National Quality Forum. He was the inaugural chair of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health IT Standards Committee.

A member of the National Academy of Medicine (formerly the Institute of Medicine) and recognized perennially as one of the most influential physician executives and health leaders in the United States by *Modern Healthcare*, Dr. Perlin has received numerous awards including Distinguished Alumnus in Medicine and Health Administration from his *alma mater*, Chairman's Medal from the National Patient Safety Foundation, the Founders Medal from the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, and is one of the few honorary members of the Special Forces Association and Green Berets.

Broadly published in healthcare quality and transformation, Dr. Perlin is a Master of the American College of Physicians and Fellow of the American College of Medical Informatics. He has a Master's of Science in Health Administration and received his Ph.D. in pharmacology (molecular neurobiology) with his M.D. as part of the Physician Scientist Training Program at the Medical College of Virginia of Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU).

Dr. Perlin has faculty appointments at Vanderbilt University as Clinical Professor of Medicine and Biomedical Informatics and at VCU as Adjunct Professor of Health Administration. He resides in Nashville, Tennessee, with his wife, Donna, an Emergency Pediatrics Physician.