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David a board-certified nephrologist, is currently a Senior Vice President and the Chief Medical Officer at Beth Israel Medical Center (BIMC), New York. In this capacity he leads all of BIMC'S Quality Improvement and Patient Safety initiatives and is responsible for managing all physician and patient issues at the medical center. He is also a Professor of Clinical Medicine at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and an Adjunct Senior Fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

Over his 38 year career, Dr Bernard has held numerous clinical, executive and academic positions. From 1975 to 1995, he was on the faculty at Boston University School of Medicine where he rose to the rank of Professor of Medicine. From 1992 to 1995, he held the positions of Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs at Boston University School of Medicine and Vice President for Clinical Affairs at Boston University Medical Center.

As Professor of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and the Senior Medical Director of the Health and Disease Management Program of the University of Pennsylvania Health System he built the largest provider-based disease management program in the country. Under his direction, evidence-based guidelines and best practice approaches for care were designed and developed for 35 conditions. These were implemented in over 100 primary care office sites, were followed by over 350 primary care and specialist physicians, involved thousands of patients and resulted in substantial improvements in the quality and outcomes of care.

Dr Bernard, with several colleagues, founded DoctorQuality, Inc. a company dedicated to improving healthcare quality by delivering "best-practice" tools on-line for consumers and providers. Under his leadership, the DoctorQuality team created a variety of internet-based products and services, targeted to both providers and consumers, with the aim of advancing healthcare quality.

Dr Bernard became the Chief Medical Director of the Care Management Organization of the Montefiore Medical Center, in 2002, where he took the lead in shaping medical management, care management, disease management and quality improvement initiatives in accordance with the overall strategic plan for the institution's IPA.

Dr. Bernard has both written and lectured extensively on the subjects of renal disease and healthcare quality. He has published over 100 abstracts, articles and book chapters on the topics. He is also a member of the editorial board of several medical journals dedicated to quality improvement, including the journal Population Health Management.