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### **Kenneth Anderson Named COO of HRET**

**Chicago** (May 13, 2014) – The Health Research & Educational Trust (HRET), an affiliate of the American Hospital Association (AHA), today announced Kenneth P. Anderson, D.O., M.S., CPE, as its chief operating officer (COO). Dr. Anderson will be responsible for the management of day-to-day operations of HRET, assisting in the development and integration of the organizational strategic plan across finance, operations and research for HRET.

Dr. Anderson previously served as the chief medical quality officer for NorthShore University HealthSystem in Evanston, Ill., leading all performance improvement efforts and education and development for the professional staff, including peer review, clinical integration and development of performance indicators. At NorthShore University he also founded the Center for Clinical and Research Informatics that was charged with using medical informatics to enhance quality and research. He also holds an academic appointment at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine and serves as a Baldrige National Quality Award Alumni Examiner for the U.S. Department of Commerce.

“We are thrilled to have Ken join our team and know that his research in quality, experience in health care and passion for safe patient care are a perfect fit for our team,” said Maulik Joshi, president of HRET and senior vice president for AHA. “As HRET grows and expands our work in health care, Ken will help guide us and further our mission to transform health care through research and education.”

Previously, Dr. Anderson served as vice president for quality and safety at Memorial Health System in South Bend, Ind. and as chief medical officer for PARTNERS National Health Plans of Indiana. He completed a family medicine residency through the University of Iowa; an internal medicine residency through Yale University and Norwalk, Conn.; and a nephrology fellowship at the University of Southern California-Los Angeles County Medical Center in Los Angeles. He practiced clinical nephrology and transplant medicine in Des Moines, Iowa serving as chief of staff and department chairman of Internal Medicine and division chief of Nephrology at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines Iowa.

He has chaired the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Network XII Medical Review Board, providing quality oversight to a four-state dialysis region, was a member of the Iowa State Board of Health and advised on national health policy as a member of Senator Tom Harkin's National Health Policy Advisory Team serving the Clinton administration. He helped establish the first provider-owned Accountable Health Plan in the state of Iowa, changing legislation regulating the insurance industry.

Following an internship in the Harvard University Executive Program in Health Management, he completed a Master's of Science in Administrative Medicine at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is a Certified Physician Executive and a Diplomate of the American Academy of Family Practice.

### **Health Research & Educational Trust (HRET)**

Founded in 1944, the Health Research & Educational Trust (HRET) is the not-for-profit research and education affiliate of the American Hospital Association (AHA). HRET's mission is to transform health care through research and education. HRET's applied research seeks to create new knowledge, tools, and assistance in improving the delivery of health care by providers in the communities they serve. For more information about HRET, visit [www.hret.org](http://www.hret.org).

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