

# Dr. Burroughs Passes Recertification Exam in Quality & Patient Safety

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Officer at East Orange  
General Hospital*



**Dr. Valentine J. Burroughs**

**EAST ORANGE** - East Orange General Hospital's Chief Medical Officer, Valentine J. Burroughs, M.D., MBA, GHQM recently passed the Health Care Quality Management (HCQM) and Patient Safety recertification exam given by the American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians (ABQAURP).

Established in 1977, ABQAURP is the nation's largest organization of interdisciplinary health care professionals committed to maximizing patient safety and the quality of care provided to the public by maintaining a culture of educational and certification excellence for all healthcare professionals.

HCQM board certification focuses on streamlining the delivery of healthcare while maintaining quality and safety. It now positions itself at the forefront of quality care as the Affordable Care Act begins to implement its mandates to focus on safety and the continuum of care.

Dr. Burroughs has served as the hospital's CMO for the past five years. He is a senior executive physician with more than 14 years administrative experience in acute care hospitals, an ambulatory care division of a group health plan, and an Independent Prac-

tice Association with 60 physicians.

He also has spent more than 25 years leading a successful private practice in Internal Medicine and Endocrinology and is widely known in the field of urban health issues. "This updated board certification in Health Care Quality Management by American Board of Quality Assurance & Utilization Review Physicians represents a significant professional achievement, for Dr. Burroughs," said EOGH Interim President and CEO Martin Bieber. "It also provides him and the hospital with the prestige of a distinguished expert in the fields of Health Care Quality Management and Patient Safety.

"I hope to use my training and diplomat status to support better health of the community and the patients we serve at East Orange General Hospital," said Dr. Burroughs. "This is in keeping with the primary purpose of the American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians, which is to improve the overall quality of health care that is provided to the consumer public."