Michigan Medicine Administrative Fellowship
Senior Leadership Team

David A. Spahlinger, M.D
President, University of Michigan Health System
Executive Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs
Professor of Internal Medicine
University of Michigan Medical School

David A. Spahlinger, M.D. is the president of the University of Michigan Health System and executive vice dean for clinical affairs in the University of Michigan Medical School. The University of Michigan Health System includes the 2000 physicians of U-M Medical Group, University Hospital, the Frankel Cardiovascular Center, C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital and Von Voigtlander Women’s Hospital.

From 2004-15, Dr. Spahlinger served the Medical School as senior associate dean for clinical affairs, and from 1997-2015 he was executive director of the faculty group practice (the U-M Medical Group). Dr. Spahlinger, who is a clinical professor of internal medicine in the Medical School, oversees all activities of the health system that serves patients from throughout Michigan and around the world. In fiscal year 2018 the U-M hospitals and ambulatory care health centers registered 2.4 million outpatient visits, 49,008 hospital stays, 19,595 observation cases, 106,451 emergency visits, 57,442 operations and outpatient procedures, and 1,172 Survival Flight missions.

A 1980 graduate of The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Dr. Spahlinger completed his residency in internal medicine in 1983 at the University of Michigan. He served as chief medical resident from 1983-84. He joined Wooster Clinic in Wooster, Ohio, in 1984. While at the Wooster Clinic, he served as the head of finance and as a member of the board of directors for the 40-physician multi-specialty group.

Dr. Spahlinger returned to the U-M Medical School faculty in 1994 and served as director of the Primary Care Program from 1994-97. In 1997, he was appointed medical director of the new faculty practice plan (now the U-M Medical Group), bringing together for the first time, all physicians providing care in all clinical departments across U-M. He led the medical group from 1997-2015 through a time of great change in health care and academic medicine. In 2015, Dr. Spahlinger was chosen to lead the University of Michigan Health System in recognition of his expertise as a physician leader in patient care management, clinical operations, health policy, strategic planning and business development. Dr. Spahlinger is also past chair of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Advisory Committee for Healthcare and past chair of the Association of American Medical Colleges Group on Faculty Practice.
Matthew C. Comstock, M.B.A., M.H.S.A.
Executive Director for Administration
Chief Operating Officer, University of Michigan Medical School

Matthew C. Comstock, M.B.A., M.H.S.A., serves as the executive director for administration and chief operating officer in the Medical School. He is responsible for planning, organizing, evaluating and monitoring administrative and financial functions to ensure that the academic and administrative needs of the Medical School are addressed. This includes implementing the strategic direction and ensuring the appropriate resources and support are made available to carry out the school’s tripartite mission. He earned both his B.B.A. and M.B.A., with high distinction, from the UM Stephen M. Ross School of Business, and his Master of Health Service Administration from the U-M School of Public Health (SPH).

Mr. Comstock is responsible for overseeing the school’s $1.4 billion all-funds total financial budget, financial planning and analysis, and capital planning. He is the point of contact in the Dean’s Office for all department, center and institute administrators. He serves on multiple leadership committees, including the dean’s cabinet and FGP board of directors, and chairs the school’s senior administrative staff groups. Prior to his current role, he served in multiple finance and strategic roles within the U-M Health System, including most recently as the Medical School’s senior finance executive. He began his University career in 2000 at the Center for Health Care Economics at the Ross School of Business. He also is a lecturer in the SPH Health Management and Policy Department.

T. Anthony Denton, J.D., M.H.A.
Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Clinical Enterprise

T. Anthony Denton joined the University of Michigan in 1981 as an administrative fellow in Academic Health Center Administration. His career evolved, including Human Resources with an emphasis on labor relations, compensation and workforce planning strategies. Tony participated on the start-up team for MCare HMO during the mid-1980s, serving as manager of Corporate Affairs and Member Services.

Tony transitioned to Hospital Administration in the early 1990s. Tony was appointed as Chief Operating Officer in 2004 for the Hospitals and Health Centers. From June 2014 through December 2015, Tony served as Acting Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer of the University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers. Effective
January 1, 2016, Tony is now Senior Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer of the UM Hospitals, Health Centers and Medical Group.

Tony has served and continues as an active member on multiple senior leadership committees in the Health System. He was chairman of the board of the Michigan Visiting Nurse Corp. from 1997-2003. Tony has been active on state and national boards, including a five-year term as Commissioner on the Board of the Joint Commission. Tony is currently a Trustee on the Michigan Health & Hospital Association Board of Trustees.

Tony has served on several community boards and councils, including the local Red Cross Board of Directors, and is presently a Co-Chair of the University of Michigan’s United Way Campaign (2014-16). Tony has served as corporate chair for the area American Heart Association heart walks, and has been a county area chairman for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Tony is also an advocate for "The Education Project for Homeless Youth" and Food Gatherers.

Tony obtained his bachelor’s degree from Northwestern University in 1979. He obtained his master’s degree in Health Services Administration from U of M Health in 1981, followed by a law degree from the University Of Detroit Mercy School Of Law in 1987.

Daryl K. McDaniel, M.B.A.
Chief of Staff for Clinical Affairs

Daryl K. McDaniel, M.B.A., serves as the chief of staff for the clinical enterprise at the University of Michigan. In this role, he directs the administrative, financial and operational activities of the U-M Health System (UMHS) Office of the President and serves as an advisor to the president. He also provides leadership for the business activities and strategic initiatives of the clinical enterprise, including collaborating with the clinical leadership team to implement the strategic direction. He is the point of contact in the UMHS Office of the President for all clinical corporate office administrative functions and serves on multiple leadership committees.

Since he joined U-M in 2003, McDaniel has served in multiple administrative and strategic positions. Prior to joining the UMHS Office of the President, he was the chief department administrator for the U-M Medical School Department of Learning Health Sciences. Before that, he served as administrator for the UMHS Blood & Marrow Transplantation (BMT) program, research administrator for the BMT-Pediatrics program, and assistant director for academic affairs at the School of Public Health Dean’s Office.

McDaniel earned both his B.M.A. and M.B.A. degrees from the University of Michigan.