

Paari Gopalakrishnan, MD, '09 MBA
Honorary Doctor of Letters

Dr. Paari Gopalakrishnan is the Chief Medical Officer at Kent Hospital in Warwick, RI. As one of Rhode Island's courageous leaders during the COVID-19 pandemic, he established the Kent field hospital during a time when medical facilities around the world were becoming overwhelmed by an unprecedented influx of patients. Through Dr. Gopalakrishnan's efforts and oversight, the field hospital expanded Kent's capacity to care for patients in our community and allowed continued access to care for patients with all diagnoses.

Recognized as a transformative organizational leader, throughout his career Dr. Gopalakrishnan has been a passionate advocate for a collaborative multidisciplinary framework as foundational to excellence in patient care. Recent improvements in Kent Hospital's quality metrics reflect an independent, data-driven validation of his commitment to ensuring evidence-based structures, processes and practices dedicated to the achievement of excellent patient outcomes.

Dr. Gopalakrishnan's relationships with members of Kent Hospital's senior leadership team, medical personnel, and staff are based upon his strong sense of personal responsibility for and commitment to demonstrating qualities of an inclusive, supportive and available colleague and leader.

Prior to assuming his position at Kent Hospital, Dr. Gopalakrishnan served as Chief of the Division of Hospitalist Medicine at Greenville Health System in Greenville, South Carolina. He was also appointed a clinical assistant professor at the University of South Carolina's School of Medicine. As a senior leader in a diverse, multi-hospital system, he was a champion for a rapidly growing division of approximately 100 physicians encompassing acute-care hospitalist medicine, post-acute care medicine and inpatient psychiatry.

Dr. Gopalakrishnan received his undergraduate degree from Texas A&M University and his medical degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, completing his internal medicine residency at Brown University. He received a Master of Business Administration degree with honors from Bryant University.