Ananias Diokno, M.D., who has served as Beaumont’s executive vice president and chief medical officer since September 2006, will step down from his administrative role effective June 1. He will be succeeded as CMO on June 1 by David Wood, M.D., currently president, Beaumont Physician Partners.

Dr. Diokno will help with the CMO transition until he retires Sept. 1. He will continue to conduct his National Institute of Health funded research projects and maintain a limited clinical practice.

As chief medical officer, Dr. Diokno has worked to organize and integrate Beaumont’s three hospital medical staffs across the system. He instituted health system chair positions for major specialties to ensure consistent, high-quality medical practice system-wide, after he established a single set of medical staff bylaws. He also has played a key role in creating Beaumont Physician Partners, the administrative group for hospital-physician relations, which is helping Beaumont to work more closely and cooperatively with physicians.

Before taking on his current responsibilities, Dr. Diokno was chairman of the Beaumont, Royal Oak Department of Urology from July 1984 to June 2007 and was the first Peter & Florine Ministrelli Distinguished Chair in Urology for 2006-2007.

During his nearly a quarter century of service as chairman of the Department of Urology at Beaumont, Dr. Diokno helped the department’s clinical, educational and research programs to rise to international acclaim and consistently rank among the finest in the nation. Urology at Beaumont has received national ranking as a specialty in U.S. News & World Report Best Hospitals for 15 consecutive years. During this period, he was elected president of the Michigan Urologic Society and the North Central Section of the American Urological Association.

Dr. Diokno was instrumental in the creation of the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine, which is creating a culture of service, education and scholarship that will be an extraordinary contribution to medical education. The medical school admitted its first class in August 2011. Dr. Diokno serves on the faculty as a professor in the Department of Urology.

After being appointed Beaumont’s chief medical officer, Dr. Diokno created the Outstanding Doctors’ Awards to celebrate the quality of Beaumont’s medical staff. Six to eight physicians are honored with these awards each year. Dr. Diokno himself was an awardee of the American Urological Association, receiving the Presidential Citation award and the Victor A. Politano Excellence award.

Dr. Diokno is a recipient of the National Institute of Health Merit Award and has conducted NIH-funded research projects since 1983, including a groundbreaking study on the epidemiology of urinary incontinence. He has worked to develop a “culture of research” for physicians throughout Beaumont.

Succeeding Dr. Diokno, David Wood, M.D., currently president, Beaumont Physician Partners, has been named executive vice president and chief medical officer, effective June 1. He will continue as president, Beaumont Physician Partners.

Under Dr. Wood’s leadership, Beaumont Physician Partners has developed and maintained relationships with Beaumont’s private-practice medical staff and the physician organization associated with Beaumont, United Physicians. BPP focuses on academic and clinical integration, physician workforce planning and recruitment and hospital-physician alignment, as well as overseeing Beaumont’s physician practice plan, network development and physician contracting functions.

BPP has taken a leadership role in clinical integration and organized systems of care. Dr. Wood and his leadership team worked with United Physicians and Beaumont physicians to create Beaumont United Care Partners, a clinical integration organization. BPP elevated the profile of Beaumont primary care practices by supporting Beaumont-employed and affiliated primary care physician practices in Patient-Centered Medical Homes designated by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Dr. Wood came to Beaumont from the University of Michigan Health System. A nationally and internationally recognized cancer surgeon, he had been chief, Division of Urologic Oncology, since 2002. He was named George S. and Sandy G. Valassis Professor of Urology in 2008. Before joining the University of Michigan Health System, he held a series of increasingly responsible positions for the Detroit Medical Center, Wayne State University and the Karmanos Cancer Institute, including chief medical officer of the Karmanos Cancer Hospital.

He received his medical degree from the University of Michigan, his residency at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and a three-year fellowship in urologic oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.