



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND Upper Chesapeake Health's new CEO, **Elizabeth Wise, FACHE, BSN, MBA**



What drew you to a career in healthcare?

Since I was four years old, I knew I wanted to be a nurse despite the fact that no one in my family is in the medical profession. As a teenager, I became a volunteer at a hospital and loved working on the floors caring for patients. I really enjoyed the interaction and helping people.

Describe your background?

I am originally from New Jersey the oldest of five (four sisters and one brother) received a BSN and cared for cardiac surgery and trauma patients on the floor and in the Intensive Care Unit. I then went to work in various leadership positions including Chief Nursing Officer, Chief Operating Officer and then in my current role as President. I also have a Master's in Science as an advance practice nurse and a Master's in Business Administration.

What are your immediate vs long-term goals?

My immediate goals include getting to know our team members, our patients and our community. For me, it's all about the people. I want to learn as much as I can about the areas we excel in, including putting the patient at the center of every decision we make, and continuing to build upon progress in other areas, as well. And of course, I'm very excited to help advance the work we're doing to open our new campus in Aberdeen and expand our facilities in Bel Air.

What do you like to do outside of work?

My wonderful husband of eight years and I love the beach and love to walk on the boardwalk in Ocean City, Maryland. I also love to read, watch college basketball and football and spend time with family and friends.