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TIMOTHY C. FLYNN, MD, FACS, is senior associate dean for clinical affairs at the University of Florida College of Medicine and chief medical officer for UF Health Shands Hospital. Dr. Flynn collaborates with department chairs, clinical faculty and hospital staff to achieve the highest-quality, patient-centered care for hospitalized patients. He also serves as a point person for planning and implementing quality and patient safety initiatives, areas he has focused on throughout his career at the College of Medicine.

As the UF Health Shands Hospital chief medical officer, Dr. Flynn is a member of the hospital's senior management team, collaborating closely with Edward Jimenez, interim UF Health Shands CEO, and Irene Alexaitis, chief nursing officer and vice president for nursing and patient services at UF Health Shands Hospital.

In his 29 years with the college, Dr. Flynn has filled a number of leadership roles, including chief of surgery at the Malcom Randall Veterans Affairs Medical Center, program director for the general surgery residency and associate dean for graduate medical education. A professor of surgery, he has distinguished himself nationally in graduate medical education and academic surgery. He is former chair of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education's board of directors, former chair of the American College of Surgeons Board of Governors, former chair of the American Board of Surgery and former president of the Association of Program Directors in Surgery and the Association of VA Surgeons.

Dr. Flynn has a bachelor's degree in zoology from Louisiana State University and earned his medical degree from the Baylor College of Medicine with honors before joining the U.S. Navy. After his Navy service, he completed his residency at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston and then served as an assistant professor there for four years before joining UF in 1984.