

## *Cynthia Barginere*

Cynthia Barginere (Illinois) is the Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) for Rush University Hospital in Chicago, IL. Cynthia came to Rush in 2011 as the Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) and Associate Dean for Nursing Practice and served in that role until June 2015. Rush is ranked No. 2 among leading academic medical centers in the country, and is consistently ranked among the nation's top hospitals by U.S. News & World Report. In 2015 Rush earned Magnet status for excellence in nursing for the 4th consecutive time.

She spent 13 years at the University of Alabama Birmingham (UAB) Hospital, where she served as Associate Vice President and CNO. During her tenure, UAB received the ANCC Magnet re-designation for nursing excellence. Cynthia also served as COO and CNO at Baptist Medical Center South, Montgomery, AL. This acute care, level-2 trauma center, and teaching hospital is a flagship facility of the Baptist Health System and (UAB) Hospital and Health System.

Cynthia received her undergraduate degree from The University of Alabama; graduate degree from UAB; and doctorate degree from Samford University. She recently served as a member of the ANCC Magnet Commission and the IOM Committee Evaluating the Future of Nursing Report. She was one of Chicago United's Business Leaders of Color in 2015.