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Dr. Ellner is the Vice Chairman of Surgery at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford, Connecticut and President of a 400 provider employed medical group.

Dr. Ellner has completed a Patient Safety Leadership Fellowship with the American Hospital Association and National Patient Safety Foundation. He is a Senior Fellow with the Health Research Educational Trust. Dr. Ellner's work focuses on communication and culture change in the health care workplace to improve patient outcomes.

He is Chairman and founding member of the Connecticut Surgical Quality Collaborative which is a statewide, data sharing framework for all Connecticut hospitals to learn from one another using best practices. The surgical quality data used in this network has supported several population health performance improvement initiatives over the last 5 years, including standardized use of a surgical check list, surgical site infection reduction and prevention of costly readmissions.

As an Assistant Professor of Surgery at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, he created a four year patient safety curriculum for medical students and a yearlong "Leading Surgical Quality" curriculum for the surgical residents.

Dr. Ellner holds a Master's Degree in Health Care Management from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and has written case studies on surgical quality for the school to use as part of their curriculum.