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Galante's Division of Clinical Affairs includes 10 departments: Clinical Affairs, Quality and Safety, Clinical Informatics, Office of Physician Wellness, Medical and Regulatory Affairs, which includes oversight of the medical center's licensure and accreditation functions, Managed Care Utilization, Health Management and Education, Transitions of Care, Home Care Services, and Hospice Palliative Care. He is the senior officer in charge of funds-flow management between the hospital and school of medicine to support professional services, including call coverage, medical directorships and clinical program support. He also represents the medical center on UC Health's system-wide panel of chief medical officers addressing quality and operational improvements.

After receiving an undergraduate degree from Trenton State College, Galante earned his doctor of medicine degree at Temple University School of Medicine and completed his residency and fellowship training at UC Davis Health. He received his M.B.A. from Western Governors University, served in the United States Navy, including deploying to Afghanistan, and has received numerous military and academic honors.

Galante is board-certified in surgery and surgical critical care by the American Board of Surgery and joined the faculty of the Department of Surgery in 2008. He served as the Vice Chair of Education, General Surgery Residency Director, Trauma Division Chief, Medical Director of Perioperative Services, Trauma Medical Director and Associate Chief Medical Officer before assuming his current role as Interim Chief Medical Officer Elect.

An accomplished physician scientist, Galante has been an investigator for numerous clinical trials and has authored more than 150 journal articles, book chapters and abstracts on trauma medicine. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a board member for the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma, and the Northern California representative in the Pacific Coast Surgical Association.