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Christopher Longhurst MD, MS, serves as chief information officer and associate chief medical officer for quality and safety at UC San Diego Health. This dual, complementary role provides leadership in key functional areas to continuously improve efforts around operations, reputation and care provided at UC San Diego Health.

As CIO, Dr. Longhurst oversees all operations and strategic planning for information and communications technology. He is responsible for planning and developing all administrative and clinical information systems related to operating UC San Diego Health hospital and clinical facilities, including electronic health records and the MyUCSDChart system.

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Dr. Longhurst most recently served as chief medical information officer for Stanford Children's Health, where he led strategic efforts to improve children's health and provider workflow using information technology. He founded and led the clinical informatics fellowship at Stanford, where he was a clinical professor of pediatrics. He also staffed the quality committee of Stanford's hospital board and facilitated national quality improvement collaborative work.

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