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Sanne Magnan, M.D., Ph.D. is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI) in Minnesota. Dr. Magnan was reappointed to this position in January 2011 after serving for three years as the Minnesota Commissioner of Health. She had previously served as the President of ICSI in 2006 and 2007.

As Commissioner of Health, she was responsible for implementation of significant components of Minnesota's 2008 health reform legislation. Under her leadership, Minnesota developed the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) to address tobacco and obesity; a standardized quality reporting system and quality incentive system; the "baskets of care" payment system; certification of primary care clinics as health care homes; and a system for provider peer grouping (ranking providers with a composite measure of total quality and total cost). She also supported more consumer engagement in health care and furthered e-health usage.

During her earlier tenure at ICSI, she helped expand ICSI's focus beyond guideline development and quality improvement activities to include strategic initiatives designed to enhance patient-centered and value-driven health care. Two unique programs in the country—ICSI's DIAMOND program for depression and the statewide initiative to ensure the appropriate use of high-technology diagnostic imaging scans—are outcomes of that focus.

Dr. Magnan has also served as a staff physician at the Tuberculosis Clinic at St. Paul-Ramsey County Department of Public Health and a clinical assistant professor of medicine at the University of Minnesota. She previously served as vice president and medical director of consumer health at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota, lead physician at Lino Lakes Correctional Facility, and a staff physician at various other clinics. She has served on several boards, including Minnesota Community Measurement. Commissioner Magnan was named one of the 100 Influential Health Care Leaders by Minnesota Physician in 2004.

Dr. Magnan holds a medical degree and a Ph.D. in medicinal chemistry from the University of Minnesota. She earned her bachelor's degree in pharmacy from the University of North Carolina.