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Dr. Welling is the regional chief clinical officer for Swedish Health Services. He, in partnership with the SHS COO, is responsible for all SHS clinical operations. Dr. Welling started his career as a naval aviator flying the A7E Corsair from the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower. He then earned his MD at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and trained in emergency medicine at Naval Medical Center San Diego. During his 34-year naval career he assumed positions of increasing scope and responsibility including the executive officer (COO) of Naval Health Clinics Hawaii and command of both the Navy Expeditionary Medical Facility Kuwait and Naval Hospital Jacksonville Florida. After his time in the US Navy he assumed duties as the chief of staff for the VA St. Louis Health Care System. Dr. Welling came to Swedish after serving 4 1/2 years as the chief medical officer of Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center.

Dr. Welling flies his Cirrus SR22 from Arlington airport every chance he gets. In his words “heck, where else can I fly over a complex water system, 2 mountain ranges, untold number of lakes and rivers, and 6 volcanoes? This is god’s country. “