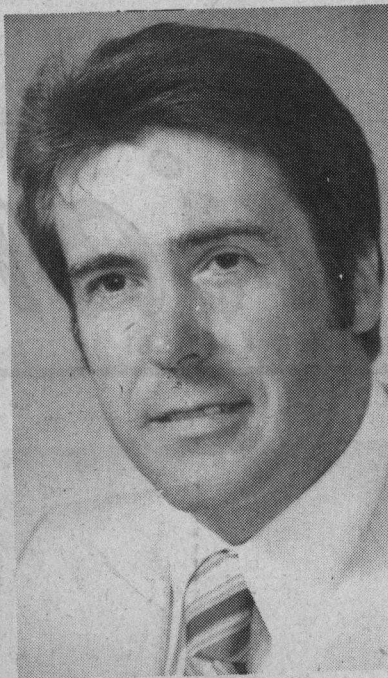# Hospital picks administrator

William W. Carpenter, vice president of the Peninsula Hospital and Medical Center in Burlingame for the past three years, has been named administrator and chief executive officer at Watsonville Community Hospital.

The announcement of Carpenter's appointment came from board president David Willoughby following unanimous approval of the appointment by hospital directors Thursday night.

Carpenter, 43, will take over his new job on Feb. 1. As the chief administrator, he will have management responsibility of the hospital and will oversee a $15-million expansion and renovation project.

At Peninsula, Carpenter was responsible for the administration of major professional departments, including a cardiac surgery program, and managed a $10-million construction project.

Before coming to California, he served as director of supporting services for Baystate Medical Center, a teaching hospital in Springfield, Mass. Prior to that he

William Carpenter

was assistant administrator and director of patient processing at Wesson Memorial Hospital in Springfield. He began his hospital administration career as finance officer for Corning Hospital, Corning, New York.

He holds a bachelor of science degree from State University of New York in Albany, and a masters degree in business administration from Western New England College in Springfield.

He served in the Army for three years; holds a commercial pilot's license and is an instrument flight instructor.

He is a member of the American College of Hospital Adminstrators, the Hospital Financial Management Asosciation and the National Association of Flight Instructors.

Carpenter and his wife, Brenda, have a daughter, Pamela, 22, a registered nurse; and a son, Perry, 20, a pre-med student at UC-Santa Cruz.

He replaces Mort Walser, who had been the hospital administrator for 11 years and resigned under pressure at the end of October. Since that time, Assistant Administrator Paul Estess has been the acting administrator.