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PAUL ESTESS — He's been promoted.

Estess appointed hospital chief

Paul Estess, assistant administrator at Watsonville Community Hospital since 1979, was named chief executive officer last night by the hospital's board of directors.

He succeeds Bill Carpenter, who left two months ago to take a job at Alexian Brothers Hospital in San Jose.

Estess, 35, served as acting administrator twice — for several months before Carpenter was hired in 1982 and for the time since Carpenter left.

Estess supervised the hospital's \$16 million expansion project, which was completed in 1985, and the addition of the cardiac-catheterization lab last year.

After graduating from Santa Cruz High School in 1969, Estess earned a nursing degree

from Cabrillo College. He graduated from Stanford University with a B.A. in biology and from the UC-Berkeley with a master's degree in public health and hospital administration.

He worked as a nurse at Stanford University Medical Center and Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas.

Before joining Watsonville Community Hospital, Estess completed his residency in administration at the UC-San Francisco Medical Center.

Estess comes from a medical family. His father is a doctor, his mother is a medical social worker, one brother is a nurse, another brother is a surgical technician, and a sister is a research immunologist.

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