

Robert C. Garrett, FACHE

Robert C. Garrett is the co-CEO of Hackensack Meridian Health Network, one of the largest, most comprehensive health networks in New Jersey.

Bob began his time with Hackensack University Medical Center in 1981 as a resident, and served as president and CEO of the Hackensack University Health Network from November 2009 through July 2016, at which time he assumed his current position as co-CEO of Hackensack Meridian Health. In the face of healthcare reform, Bob optimally positioned HackensackUHN and HackensackUMC for success through a series of acquisitions, mergers, partnerships and affiliations.

In June 2015, HackensackUHN and Seton Hall University signed a definitive agreement to form a new, four-year school of medicine—the only private school of medicine in the state—located on the campus of the former Hoffmann-La Roche Inc. in Nutley and Clifton, NJ.

These affiliations are in addition to HackensackUHN's already-established partnerships with: AllSpire Health Partners, the largest healthcare consortium of its kind in the country; Aetna (Medicare Advantage plan); American Well (telehealth services); CityMD (urgent care centers); CVS MinuteClinic; Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center (cardiac); Englewood Hospital and Medical Center (clinical and academic affiliation); Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center (oncology); Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey (ACO); MedStar Georgetown University Hospital (bone marrow transplant program); New Jersey Innovation Institute (New Jersey Institute of Technology); NYU Langone Medical Center's Division of Pediatric Surgery; OMNIA Health Alliance (partnership with six health systems and Horizon BCBSNJ to develop tiered products); Summit Health Management (clinical affiliation); Uber (transportation); and United Surgical Partners International (ambulatory care centers). HackensackUHN also maintains academic affiliations with Georgetown University School of Medicine, Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, St. George's University School of Medicine, and Stevens Institute of Technology.

Bob also steered HackensackUHN's community health initiatives through HackensackUMC Fitness & Wellness Powered by the Giants in Maywood, NJ – one of the largest fitness and wellness centers of its kind in New Jersey. In 2012, the HackensackAlliance ACO was one of just 27 ACOs selected by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to participate in the Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP). Today, HackensackAlliance ACO has nearly 575 affiliated physicians covering 85,000 lives with an estimated MSSP cost savings of more than \$17.21 million in its first two years of operation. HackensackUMC, the flagship hospital of the Network, has nearly 8,000 employees and more than 1,600 physicians and is the largest provider of inpatient and outpatient services in the state. It has received some of the most prestigious designations and distinctions from the nation's leading healthcare ratings companies.

Bob's leadership and strategic vision has garnered much professional praise. He was ranked second on the NJBIZ 2016 "Power 50 Health Care" list. He was also ranked on the "NJBIZ Power 100: The most powerful people in New Jersey business" list for five consecutive years. He was listed as one of the "2015 130 Nonprofit Hospital and Health System CEOs to Know," and is also one of the "2014 500+ People to Know in Healthcare" according to Becker's Hospital Review. In 2013, he was selected as a member of The Wall Street Journal CEO Council, an invite-only council representing some of the most well-respected business leaders in America. He was the recipient of the 2013 Outstanding Medical Executive Award, part of the prestigious Edward J. III Excellence in Medicine Awards. Bob has been honored by numerous organizations and agencies, and has been invited to speak at national events, such as the Healthgrades HealthShare Symposium and Becker's Hospital Review's annual meeting, and has been featured on numerous television programs and within numerous national publications.

In 2015, Bob spoke at numerous conferences and events, including: NYU Stern Alumni Relations and the Stern Healthcare Association Conference; the Institute for Ethical Leadership at Rutgers Business School's Ethical Leadership Conference; Meadowlands Regional Chamber's Thought Leaders Conference; the Association for Corporate Growth's NJ Bergen Chapter event; and the New Jersey Bankers Association's Economic Forum Conference.

Bob serves on the boards of the Bank of America Trust Advisory Board, Bergen Community College Foundation, Choose New Jersey, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, as well as the QualCare Board of Directors. He has also served on or is a member of: the New Jersey Council of Teaching Hospitals, New Jersey Hospital Association, Greater New York Hospital Association, and the American Hospital Association's Regional Policy Board; He received his Master of Health Administration from Washington University in Saint Louis and his Bachelor's degree from Binghamton University in New York.