

Eugene A. Woods

President and Chief Executive Officer



Eugene A. Woods, MBA, MHA, FACHE, is president and chief executive officer of Atrium Health, one of the most comprehensive and highly integrated not-for-profit healthcare systems in the nation. With 42 hospitals, 1,500 care locations and 70,000 teammates across North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Virginia, Atrium Health is responsible for nearly 15 million patient interactions each year.

Woods joined Atrium Health in April 2016 and quickly collaborated with teammates across the organization to unite around a redefined vision to be the first and best choice for care and a new mission statement to improve health, elevate hope and advance healing – for all. During his tenure, Atrium Health also has been recognized as one of the Best Employers for Diversity, for new grads and for Women by *Forbes*; number one on the list of Best Places to Work for Women & Diverse Managers by *DiversityMBA*; one of the 150 Top Places to Work in Healthcare by *Becker's Healthcare*; and the number one military-friendly employer in the country. In addition, the organization has been recognized by *U.S. News & World Report*, Leapfrog Group and the American Nurses Credentialing Center as among the very best in the nation, and honored by the American Hospital Association with the Equity of Care Award and one of the first-ever Quest for Quality honors. Most recently, Atrium Health was recognized by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) as a 2020 CMS Health Equity Award recipient for its dedication to health equity by reducing disparities and enabling communities to achieve the highest level of health.

One of today's most prominent leaders in healthcare, Woods is passionate about protecting and expanding access and coverage to all Americans, better engaging with our communities to advance positive health outcomes and achieving equity of care by eliminating disparities. He has long been active as a leader among his peers in the American Hospital Association, including a term as chairman of the board of trustees in 2017 and member of the Health, Strategy and Innovation Committee. Woods is also a member of *Becker's Healthcare's* Advisory Board, Scottsdale Institute's Board of Directors, *Wall Street Journal's* CEO Council, and currently serves on the board of Best Buy and as deputy chair of the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. Woods also was appointed to North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper's Economic Recovery Task Force. And most recently, the Governor's Andrea Harris Social, Economic, Environmental and Health Equity Task Force, created to address the social, economic, environmental and health disparities in communities of color that have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Woods has nearly 30 years of healthcare leadership experience, having overseen non-profit and for-profit managed hospitals, academic and community-based delivery systems and rural and urban facilities. He previously was president and chief operating officer of CHRISTUS Health, a not-for-profit health system comprising 50 hospitals and long-term care facilities, 175 clinics and outpatient centers, and 30,000 associates, where he oversaw acute, post-acute and international operations for facilities in the United States, Mexico and Chile. Previously, he served in dual roles at Catholic Health Initiatives – as CEO of Saint Joseph Health System and as senior vice president responsible for implementing national initiatives for the faith-based organization, which operates in 18 states.

Woods was named by *Modern Healthcare* as one of the 100 Most Influential People in Healthcare for the fourth time recently, taking spot No. 32. In addition, he was named among *Modern Healthcare's* Top 25 Minority Executives in Healthcare for the fifth consecutive time – featured in 2020 on the inaugural listing of only five "Luminaries," honored for their career-defining work in reshaping the industry. His numerous professional distinctions also include being named the 2020 Distinguished 400 Award recipient by the 400 Years of African American History Commission; one of the 50 Great African American Leaders as well as one of the 100 Great Leaders in Healthcare by *Becker's Healthcare*; one of the Most Influential Blacks in Corporate America by *Savoy Magazine*; one of the Most Powerful Executives in Corporate America by *Black Enterprise*; one of the Most Admired CEOs of 2018 by the *Charlotte Business Journal*; one of the 2019 Power 100 honorees by *Business North Carolina*; Senior Executive of the Year by the National Association of Health Service Executives; and Alumni of the Year by the Pennsylvania State University.

Woods holds three degrees from the Pennsylvania State University: a bachelor's degree in health planning and administration, a master's degree in business administration and a master's degree in health administration.