

Summa Leadership



Thomas J. Strauss
President and Chief Executive Officer,
Summa Health System

Thomas J. Strauss is president and chief executive officer of Summa Health System. Prior to joining Summa in 1999, Mr. Strauss was president of Meridia Health Services in Cleveland. For 10 years, he held a number of leadership positions with Meridia, including the leadership for the system's eight service lines, president of the eastern region, president of Meridia South Pointe Hospital, president of Meridia Suburban Hospital and president of Meridia Institute/Meridia Health Ventures. A pharmacist by trade, Mr. Strauss earned his doctor of pharmacy degree from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Penn., and completed his residency in pharmacology at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, Penn. Strauss is the Chairman of the Greater Akron Chamber Board of Directors and a board member of the Akron Regional Hospital Association, Akron Tomorrow, Austen BioInnovation Institute in Akron, Habitat for Humanity of Summit County and Premier, Inc.



Robert Harrigan
President, Summa Akron City and St. Thomas Hospitals

Robert Harrigan is president of Summa Hospitals, which includes six acute care hospitals in Akron and Summit, Portage and Medina counties – Summa Akron City Hospital, Summa St. Thomas Hospital, Summa Western Reserve Hospital, Summa Barberton Hospital, Summa affiliate Robinson Memorial Hospital and Summa Wadsworth-Rittman Hospital. Prior to joining Summa Health System, Mr. Harrigan held several leadership roles at The Cleveland Clinic Health System, Jackson Memorial Hospital and the North Broward Hospital District. Mr. Harrigan received his B.S. from Purdue University and did his graduate work at the University of Arkansas and Ball State University. Currently, Mr. Harrigan serves on the Akron Urban League Board and Akron Urban League Finance Committee.



Martin Hauser
President, SummaCare, Inc.

Martin P. Hauser is president of SummaCare, Inc., one of the region's fastest growing health carriers. Mr. Hauser began his healthcare career at Summa Akron City Hospital and held a variety of progressive leadership roles. While president of Akron City Health System (ACHS), a not-for-profit joint venture between Akron City Hospital and members of its medical staff, he oversaw the creation of SummaCare. Mr. Hauser received his undergraduate and master's degree in business administration from The University of Akron.



Stephen Colecchi
President and Chief Executive Officer, Robinson Memorial Hospital, an affiliate member of Summa Health System

Stephen Colecchi has served as president and chief executive officer of Summa affiliate Robinson Memorial Hospital since 1994. Mr. Colecchi is graduate of Kent State University (B.S.) and a graduate of the University of Akron (J.D.). After practicing law with the firm of Martell, Cimino and Colecchi, Mr. Colecchi began his career in healthcare at Robinson Memorial in 1985 as senior vice president and general counsel until his appointment to president and chief executive officer. Mr. Colecchi is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and serves as a member of the board of trustees of the Akron Regional Hospital Association.



Robert A. Kent, D.O.
Chief Executive Officer, Summa Western Reserve Hospital

Robert A. Kent, D.O., is chief executive officer of Summa Western Reserve Hospital, Northeast Ohio's first physician-owned, full-service community hospital. He is also president of Western Reserve Hospital Partners, the entity created to bring Summa Western Reserve Hospital to the community. Dr. Kent also serves as president of Premiere Medical Partners, a large, multi-specialty physician group in Northeast Ohio, and Premiere Medical Resources, a physician management services organization. Additionally, he maintains a private practice in Cuyahoga Falls. Dr. Kent has served on several Summa Health System boards, and has also functioned as director of Medical Education and vice president of Medical Affairs for Cuyahoga Falls General Hospital.



Tom DeBord
President, Summa Wadsworth-Rittman and Summa Barberton Hospitals

Thomas A. DeBord is the president for Summa Barberton Hospital and Summa Wadsworth-Rittman Hospital. He has more than 21 years of progressive leadership in healthcare financial and operations management. Mr. DeBord earned both a Bachelor's Degree in accounting and an MBA in finance from The University of Akron. He is a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives and a member of the Leadership Akron 2009 graduating class. Active in many community groups, Mr. DeBord is a board member for the American Heart Association and a member and past president of The Rotary Club of Barberton.



Ronald R. Suntken, Ed.D., FACMPE
President and Chief Operating Officer, Crystal Clinic
Orthopaedic Center, LLC

Ron Suntken is president and chief executive officer of Crystal Clinic Orthopaedic Center, LLC, a joint venture between Summa Health System, Crystal Clinic, Inc., and Crystal Clinic Surgery Center, Inc., and chief executive officer of Crystal Clinic, Inc. Dr. Suntken began his healthcare career at SIU School of Medicine in Springfield, Ill., and has served as the senior administrative and executive officer for a number of medium and large healthcare organizations, in both fee-for-service and capitated environments, and in both independent and system-aligned entities. Dr. Suntken received a Doctor of Education degree in Business Education, Finance and Business Communication from Northern Illinois University, a Master of Business Administration degree and a Bachelor of Science in Information Systems degree both from San Diego State University.



Roxia Boykin
Vice President of Community Benefit and Diversity,
Summa Foundation

Roxia Boykin is the vice president of community benefit and diversity for the Summa Foundation. Bringing more than 30 years of healthcare experience in areas including nursing, patient care and operations, Boykin is responsible for leadership in community benefit, volunteer services, employee engagement and diversity. She serves as the primary builder and sustainer of positive and productive relationships between Summa Health System and the community and is responsible for leading strategic and operational direction to the system's community-based health prevention, education and promotion strategies. Throughout her expansive career, Boykin has served on a number of community boards and has been actively involved in a variety of community initiatives. She earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Kent State University and a Master's degree in public administration with a concentration in healthcare administration from Cleveland State University.



Michael Hillman, M.D.
System Vice President of Medical Affairs and Quality
Senior Physician Executive, Summa Health System

Dr. Michael Hillman is system vice president of Medical Affairs and Quality at Summa Health System. In this role, Dr. Hillman leads clinical quality performance, patient safety and clinical resource management for all system entities. Dr. Hillman brings 16 years of leadership experience, having most recently served as vice president of Patient Safety for Ascension Health in St. Louis. Dr. Hillman also held the position of medical director of Quality Improvement and Care Management for Marshfield Clinic in Marshfield, Wis. A board certified neurologist, Dr. Hillman received his medical degree from the Medical College of Pennsylvania. In addition, he received a Master's degree in business administration from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn.



Bryan Kennedy
President and Chief Operating Officer, Ohio Health Choice

Bryan Kennedy is president and chief operating officer of Ohio Health Choice. Ohio Health Choice is the only provider-owned statewide Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) in Ohio. After graduating from John Carroll University with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration, Mr. Kennedy's career started in the employee benefits arena with Great West Life. In 1994, Mr. Kennedy moved to the managed care contracting and strategy side by joining The Cleveland Clinic Health System. In 2006, he transitioned back to the benefits side, taking on the challenge of reinventing Ohio Health Choice to better compete in the ever-changing healthcare marketplace.



Unhee Kim
System Vice President, Service Lines and Ancillary Services,
Summa Health System

Unhee Kim, system vice president of Service Lines and Ancillary Services for Summa Health System, is responsible for leading the strategy development, marketing, business development, volume growth, planning and execution for nine service lines. She is also responsible for existing and future ambulatory centers for diagnostic and therapeutic services, hospital-based clinical services of pharmacy, laboratory, respiratory and neurology/sleep lab, among others. Prior to joining Summa Health System, she served in various leadership positions at University Hospitals Health System. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of Akron and her Masters in Business Administration from Cleveland State University.



Charles R. Vignos, C.P.A.
President, Summa Health Network
Vice President, Managed Care, Summa Health System

Charles R. Vignos, CPA, is president of Summa Health Network and vice president of Managed Care for Summa Health System. Mr. Vignos has held this position since 2001 and oversees the managed care contracting activities for Summa Akron City, Summa St. Thomas, Summa Barberton and Summa Wadsworth-Rittman Hospitals, as well as Summa employed physicians and other joint venture relationships. Mr. Vignos also oversees the Clinical Integration Model and Messenger activities of the 1,200 member physician-hospital organization (PHO). Prior to joining Summa in 2001, Mr. Vignos spent 11 years as vice president of Finance for Hometown Health Network in Massillon, Ohio. He is currently a member of the Healthcare Roundtable for Managed Care and the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants, and serves on the boards of Cleveland Health Network-Managed Care Organization and Ohio Health Choice.



Lanie Ward
System Vice President, Patient Care Services
Chief Nursing Officer, Summa Health System

Lanie Ward joined Summa Health System as system vice president of Patient Care Services and chief nursing officer in 2007. With more than 20 years of nursing leadership experience, Ms. Ward is responsible for the direction and evaluation of nursing and patient care services at Summa Health System. Previously Ms. Ward served as chief nursing officer for Broward General Medical Center and North Broward Medical Center in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. She received her Master of Business Administration degree from Florida Atlantic University and Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Kentucky.