



George B. Hernández, Jr., JD, is the President/Chief Executive Officer of University Health System in San Antonio. He has been with the Health System since 1990 and was recently named by *Modern Healthcare* as one of the Top 25 Minority Healthcare Executives.

Under his leadership, University Health System became South Texas' first and only Magnet healthcare organization, a status designated by the American Nurses Credentialing Center and earned by about six percent of U.S. hospitals.



University Health System includes University Hospital, the only civilian Level I trauma center in South Texas, as well as an extensive network of primary, specialty and preventive care centers throughout Bexar County. University Health System also includes a nonprofit HMO, Community First Health Plans, a nonprofit multi-specialty physician practice, Community Medicine Associates, and joint ownership of San Antonio AirLIFE.

As one of the *Most Wired Hospitals and Health Systems* in the nation, University Health System ranks in the top one percent of U.S. health organizations for achieving a high level of information technology integration. In 2008, Hernández and University Health System's chief information officer were joint recipients of the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives' and the American Hospital Association's Transformational Leadership Award.

Hernández is a native of San Antonio and earned a bachelor's degree in political science from St. Mary's University. He earned his law degree from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Among his numerous professional and service affiliations, he serves as a member of the "Code Red" Task Force on Access to Health Care in Texas, a member of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission's Medical Care Advisory Committee, a member of the board of the Texas Hospital Association, an executive board member of the National Association of Public Hospitals, and past chair of the Teaching Hospitals of Texas.

Hernández was honored in 2009 by the Texas Council of Community MHMR Centers as the recipient of the Frank M. Adams Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service.



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