



## George B. Hernandez, Jr.

President/CEO

**George B. Hernandez, Jr.** assumed the role of University Health System President/Chief Executive Officer on January 1, 2005. Hernandez joined the Health System in 1990 as Vice President of Legal Services, serving as General Counsel for the Health System, its HMO and other subsidiary organizations. In 2000, he was named Executive Vice President-Assistant Administrator and took on additional responsibilities as second-in-command for the Health System.

As part of the Health System Executive team, Hernandez led several initiatives to strengthen the fiscal health of the organization and improve the health of the community. He spear-headed the Health System's effort to secure over \$35 million from tobacco company settlement proceeds from the State of Texas' tobacco settlement. He also built strategic partnerships with community clinics, federally-qualified centers and private physicians to improve access to primary and specialty care.

Hernandez has worked with Bexar County's legislative delegation to pass several major pieces of legislation to protect Health System and Bexar County taxpayer interests, including HB3588 in 2003, which provides steady funding for trauma care, to help assure these critical services remain available for residents of Bexar County and South Texas.

Hernandez 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. Prior to joining the Health System, Hernandez served as Chief of the Civil Section in the Bexar County District Attorney's Office and started his career as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of San Antonio.

Among his numerous professional and service affiliations, Hernandez serves as vice chair for the Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio, a board member for the United Way of San Antonio & Bexar County, a member of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Access to Health Care in Texas and as local government representative for the Texas Health & Human Services Commission Task Force for Local Health Care Initiatives.

Hernandez and his wife Adele have been married for more than 30 years. They have three children, Andres, Antonio and Elisa.

University Health System is the public hospital district for Bexar County, Texas and San Antonio's only health system recognized by U.S. News & World Report as one of America's Best Hospitals. As the primary teaching hospital for The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, University Hospital is a regional Level I Trauma Center and a leader in Organ Transplantation.