

About Warner L. Thomas

Warner L. Thomas is the incoming president and Chief Executive Officer of Sutter Health. He will be joining Sutter on December 1, 2022.

Thomas is currently president and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Ochsner Health, Louisiana's largest healthcare provider, employer and educator of medical professionals. He has held this role since 2012 and first joined the organization in 1998 as president and chief operating officer. Today, Ochsner Health employs 36,000 employees and more than 4,600 employed and affiliated physicians in over 90 medical specialties and subspecialties and conducts more than 700 clinical research studies. The system coordinates and provides clinical and hospital patient care across the Gulf South region through its 40 owned, managed and affiliated hospitals and specialty hospitals, and more than 300 health centers and urgent care centers.

With more than 30 years of experience working in complex, integrated healthcare systems, Thomas has an impressive track record and is recognized for his unique combination of strategic vision, operational acumen and focus on innovation. Under Thomas' leadership, Ochsner Health has expanded across Louisiana and the Gulf South to become a national and global destination for high-quality healthcare through partnerships with technology companies and other healthcare organizations to scale patient-centered technology and other solutions to bring care closer to home. In five years, Ochsner Health increased the number of individual patients cared for by 96 percent, while maintaining a strong financial foundation and an unwavering focus on clinical excellence and performance.

Warner has spearheaded a population health focus at Ochsner Health, delivering programs and resources that empower patients to effectively manage chronic conditions while also maintaining focus on preventive measures, screenings and education to help people stay well and avoid preventable disease. Warner has championed workforce development programs and created academic partnerships with universities and technical colleges across the Gulf South region to build a pipeline of healthcare professionals for generations to come.

Ochsner Health has been ranked as the No. 1 hospital in Louisiana by U.S. News & World Report for over a decade. The organization is consistently ranked as the top children's hospital in Louisiana by U.S. News & World Report and is nationally ranked for its pediatric specialty care. Ochsner Health was also named one of the "100 Greatest Hospitals in America" by Becker's Hospital Review.

Prior to joining Ochsner Health, Warner served as the president of Foundation Medical Partners and vice president of Managed Care and Network Development for Southern New Hampshire Health Systems, where he worked for six years managing a multi-specialty physician group and executing network development strategies for a large regional medical center.

Warner is a current member of the American Hospital Association Board of Trustees. He was appointed to the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission in 2014, where he advised Congress on issues affecting Medicare. He has served as chairman of the American Hospital Association Section for Health Systems Governing Council and is a past member of both the Board of the American Medical Group Association and the Association of American Medical Colleges Advisory Panel for Health Care and Council of Teaching Hospitals.

Warner received an undergraduate degree in accounting and computer information systems from New Hampshire College in Manchester, N.H., and his Master of Business Administration degree from Boston University Graduate School of Management.