

Erik G. Wexler biography



Erik G. Wexler is chief executive of Providence Southern California, a region of the third largest not-for-profit health system in the nation. Mr. Wexler oversees operations across a vast area that covers Los Angeles and Orange counties and the High Desert.

Mr. Wexler joined the organization in May 2016 as regional chief executive, and worked closely with Providence leadership as it united with Orange-County based St. Joseph Health to form a new organization, Providence St. Joseph Health, with headquarters in Renton, Wash., and Irvine, Calif.

Providence Southern California employs approximately 35,000 caregivers and has about 5,200 physicians on staff at its 13 hospitals, clinics, TrinityCare Hospice and its TrinityKids Care pediatric hospice, home health services, wellness centers, Providence High School and a community investment team that addresses needs in underserved neighborhoods.

In his leadership role, Mr. Wexler has developed a centralized team with the goal of continuously improving quality, safety, patient experience, caregiver satisfaction and operations through innovative evidence-based protocols. The results include national honors for overall quality care as well as for individual key specialties including cancer, heart, orthopedics, women's services and neurology. Three of the region's hospitals – two in Orange County and one in Los Angeles – were the only hospitals in California named by Modern Healthcare in 2020 among the nation's Best Places to Work.

Mr. Wexler is committed to transparency, regularly updating caregivers via webcasts and meeting with community leaders to expand the role of Providence in the communities it serves. In 2019, Providence Southern California contributed \$394 million in charity care and neighborhood programs to serve vulnerable populations.

Formerly the chief executive for Tenet Healthcare's Northeast Region, Mr. Wexler said he was drawn to Providence primarily because of its mission focus. Mr. Wexler spent five years with Tenet, most recently as chief executive for Tenet's Northeast Region where he oversaw operations in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Illinois. He also worked for Vanguard Health Systems, and prior to that was senior vice president of LifeBridge Health System.

Mr. Wexler has experience in serving large, diverse and dynamic communities and leading organizations toward the future of health care. He earned his bachelor's degree in sociology and master's in business administration from the University of Hartford in Connecticut.