

EVP, Chief Academic Officer
Ochsner Health System
New Orleans, LA

Ochsner Health System seeks an accomplished medical education leader to serve as its next Executive Vice President, Chief Academic Officer and Executive Vice President Clinical Affairs & International Business (CAO). Arriving at an unprecedented time of growth and innovation for the health system, the CAO will oversee all educational and research efforts for Ochsner, including its newly established medical school in partnership with the University of Queensland. Ochsner is routinely recognized as among the best academic health systems in the country, and seeks to further capitalize on its clinical and academic strengths to create an equally strong research reputation.

Founded in 1942 by five physicians, Ochsner Health System is one of the largest independent academic health systems in the United States. With 25 hospitals owned, managed and affiliated, more than 50 health centers, nearly 17,000 employees, over 2,500 affiliated physicians in more than 90 medical specialties and subspecialties, Ochsner is Louisiana's largest health system. Ochsner is the only Louisiana hospital recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* as a "Best Hospital" in six different specialty categories.

In addition, each year, more than 275 medical residents and fellows work in 23 different Ochsner-sponsored accredited residency training programs. Ochsner also hosts more than 750 medical students, 1478 nursing students and 550 allied health students in clinical rotations annually. In 2009, Ochsner partnered with the Australia's University of Queensland Medical School – one of the top 50 medical schools in the world -- to create the University of Queensland – Ochsner Clinical School. Ochsner conducts more than 900 clinical research studies annually.

Reporting to the President and CEO for Ochsner Health System, the EVP/CAO provides strategic leadership for all academic and research efforts across the organization. Ochsner seeks an innovative, driven, pragmatic and collaborative physician executive who will enhance Ochsner's strong academic reputation, significantly expand research and integrate education and research programs across the entire system.

The successful candidate will be a physician with a minimum of eight years of leadership experience in medical education and research in an academic health system, teaching hospital, "clinic club," or medical school environment. It is preferred that candidates will have overseen graduate and undergraduate medical education programs, and have supported the growth and success of clinical, health services, patient-centered outcome, or translational research activities. Candidates should possess an outstanding record of scholarship, and a national reputation within the medical education community, and have a track record of innovation.

Nominations, expressions of interest, and applications (including a cover letter and CV) should be submitted to the consultants assisting Ochsner with the search, Karen Otto, Dr. Beth Frye, and Jeff Schroetlin via email to OchsnerCAO@wittkiewer.com. Confidential inquiries and questions concerning this search may be directed to us at 630/575.6972.