

An active voice and industry advocate, Rhonda Sandel formed Sandel Healthcare Consulting in 2014 to share her knowledge, experience and expertise in the healthcare industry, particularly concerning free-standing emergency centers. As an industry leader and expert in healthcare operations and management, Rhonda is sought out by healthcare professionals and legal groups for consulting on practice development and management, emergency room operations and management, and legal consulting.

Rhonda began her career in the healthcare industry as a registered nurse before starting Sandel Legal Nurse Consultants in 2001. While consulting, she met the physicians that ultimately founded Texas Emergency Care Center, joining their team as CEO.

Since 2006, Texas Emergency Care Center has expanded from one location to five under Rhonda's direction. Texas Emergency Care Center has received many accolades in the past several years. In 2011, Texas Emergency Care Center (TECC) was ranked by Workplace Dynamics as the fourth best place to work in Houston in the small company category of the top local workplaces published by the *Houston Chronicle*. Additionally, TECC was named Business of the year by the Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce in 2011 and Small Business of the Year in 2012 by the Lonestar College System.

Another of Rhonda's noteworthy achievements with the emergency centers has been opening an urgent care center in 2014 and developing and implementing a billing services and management systems that is now offered to other healthcare professionals through Triune Medical Solutions, a company established by Sandel and her partners in 2014.

In addition to her role at Texas Emergency Care Center, Rhonda is an active, founding member and immediate past-president of the Texas Association for Free-Standing Emergency Centers (TAFEC). In 2009, when the free-standing emergency room trend really took off in Texas, Sandel created and formed the Texas Association of Free-Standing Emergency Centers (TAFEC). The goal of the organization is to advocate for fair regulation of free-standing emergency rooms as well as raise public awareness of free-standing ERs as a high-quality, accessible emergency medical care option.

Rhonda has been featured in several prime time news stories as well as an interview on Fox Business and an article featured in USA today.

In addition to her active roles in her businesses and the healthcare industry, Rhonda is also known as "wife" to Anthony, "Mom" to Christopher (26), Chelsea (22), Gianna (7), and twins Brooks and Ellie (15 months). As a family, they are very involved in community and local sports teams, especially the University of Houston, where both she and Christopher attended.