

Chris Van Gorder, FACHE
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As president and CEO of Scripps Health since 2000, Chris Van Gorder has been instrumental in positioning Scripps among the nation's foremost health care institutions. Now he is leading the restructure of the nearly \$3 billion, integrated health system to best prepare for the changes of health care reform.

Van Gorder received his master's degree in public administration/health services administration at the University of Southern California, completed the Wharton System CEO Program at the University of Pennsylvania and earned his bachelor's degree from California State University, Los Angeles. He is a past chairman (2010) of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), an international professional society of more than 40,000 health care executives.

Van Gorder's rise to health care executive has been unconventional. His journey began as a hospital patient, when as a police officer he was critically injured during a family dispute call. After a lengthy recovery, Van Gorder continued his education in health care management and rose to levels of increased responsibility. Today, he continues to serve the public as Reserve Assistant Sheriff for San Diego County, and as a licensed emergency medical technician (EMT).

Modern Healthcare magazine recently named Van Gorder one of the nation's "100 Most Influential in Health Care," his sixth time on the illustrious list. His first book – The Front-Line Leader: Building a High Performance Organization from the Ground Up – was published in November 2014.

Please help me welcome Chris Van Gorder.