LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

- Chair-Elect of American Hospital Association
- President & COO, CHRISTUS Health
- CEO of Saint Joseph Health System
- Senior Vice President of Catholic Health Initiatives
- COO of Washington Hospital Center

EUGENE A. WOODS
President and Chief Executive Officer
Carolinas HealthCare System

Eugene A. Woods, MBA, MHA, FACHE is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Carolinas HealthCare System, where he oversees one of the most comprehensive and highly integrated healthcare systems in the nation. His appointment was announced on Feb. 11, 2016, and he took office on April 28.

Carolinas HealthCare System, based in Charlotte, N.C., has more than 62,000 full-time and part-time employees. They provide care through more than 12.5 million patient encounters per year at more than 900 care locations in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

Prior to this appointment, he was President and Chief Operating Officer of CHRISTUS Health, based in Irving, Texas, a position he held since June 2011. There his responsibilities included overseeing acute, post-acute and international operations for CHRISTUS Health’s facilities in the United States, Mexico and Chile. CHRISTUS Health has more than 50 hospitals and long-term care facilities, 175 clinics and outpatient centers, and 30,000 associates.

He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Hospital Association and has been elected its next Chairman. He will assume that role in 2017.

Woods has 24 years of healthcare leadership experience, having overseen non-profit and for-profit managed hospitals, academic and community-based delivery systems, and rural and urban facilities. Previously, he served in dual roles at Catholic Health Initiatives – as CEO of the eight-hospital Saint Joseph Health System and as Senior Vice President responsible for helping implement national initiatives for the faith-based organization, which operates in 18 states. Prior to that, he served as COO of the Washington Hospital Center, a 968-bed teaching hospital that is part of MedStar Health and located in Washington, D.C.

Woods holds three degrees from The Pennsylvania State University: a bachelor’s degree in health planning and administration, a master’s degree in business administration and a master’s degree in health administration. He and his wife, Ramona, have two sons.