



James Porter, MD, FAAP, FACHE

Deaconess Health System President

MEET JAMES PORTER:

Dr. Porter joined Deaconess Hospital in 2000 as an adult and pediatric hospitalist. He became vice president of Medical Affairs in 2002 and held several leadership positions before being named executive vice president and chief physician executive for Deaconess Health System in 2014. That position evolved in 2015 and included serving as chairperson of OneCare, Deaconess' clinically integrated network. Today, he holds the role of president.

Dr. Porter additionally serves on the boards of The Women's Hospital, Encompass Health Deaconess Rehabilitation Hospital, Deaconess Clinic, Deaconess Care Integration Next Generation CMS ACO, Ferrell Hospital, Lawrence County Memorial Hospital, The Health Care Group (Encore) and SIHO Insurance Services. He is also chairperson of the Innovative Health Care Collaborative of Indiana (IHCI) board.

James received his BA in microbiology from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and his MD from the Saint Louis University School of Medicine. He completed his residency in internal medicine and pediatrics at the University of Louisville School of Medicine in Louisville, Kentucky and achieved board certification in both specialties. Dr. Porter is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and member of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Dr. Porter is actively involved in the community, serving on numerous boards including the IU School of Medicine-Evansville Community Advisory Committee, Southern Indiana Graduate Education Consortium (SIGMEC), Southwestern Indiana Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana, Warrick County Chamber of Commerce, and Boy Scouts of America Buffalo Trace Council. He dedicated significant time and effort to the United Way of Southwest Indiana serving as 2019 United Way Campaign chair and board chairperson.

A native of southern Illinois, James is married to Dr. Kristy Porter and they are the proud parents of three daughters, Krislyn, Kaitlyn and Madelyn who are all accomplished competitive swimmers. Dr. Porter is an avid cyclist, runner and nationally certified USA Swimming official.

ABOUT DEACONESS HEALTH SYSTEM:

Deaconess Health System is the premiere provider of health care services in southwestern Indiana, western Kentucky and southeastern Illinois. The system - based in Evansville, Indiana - includes nine hospitals: Deaconess Midtown Hospital, Deaconess Gateway Hospital, Deaconess Henderson Hospital, Deaconess Union County Hospital, Deaconess Gibson Hospital, The Women's Hospital, The Orthopedic and Neuroscience Hospital, Deaconess Cross Pointe, and Encompass Health Deaconess Rehabilitation Hospital.

Deaconess Clinic, a fully integrated multispecialty group featuring primary care physicians as well as top specialty doctors, provides patients with consistent and convenient care. Additional components include the Linda E. White Hospice House, a freestanding cancer center, urgent care facilities, near-site clinics, telemedicine, virtual visits, a network of preferred hospitals and doctors, and multiple partnerships with other regional health care providers.