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David Whitehead is Hartford HealthCare's Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer. He oversees strategic planning, communications, marketing and business development for Hartford HealthCare, which includes six-acute care hospitals, behavioral health and rehabilitation services, a large physician group and clinical integration organization, research facilities, skilled-nursing and visiting-nurse services, a laboratory system that spans the state, and a number of services for seniors, including senior living facilities.

A leading healthcare executive for many years, he has successfully balanced strategy, finances, rapid-cycle change and the need to put patients first — always. Prior to joining Hartford HealthCare in 2013, Whitehead was Backus Hospital's President and Chief Executive Officer since 2009.

He has been very involved with a wide variety of community organizations. He has held leadership positions on the boards of the Connecticut Hospital Association, United Way, Norwich Free Academy, Three Rivers Community College, Hospice Southeastern Connecticut and he served as chairman of the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut. He was named the Eastern Connecticut Citizen of the Year in 2003.

He earned his Bachelor of Science degree at Eastern Connecticut State University, and he holds a Master's degree in Healthcare Administration and a Master of Science in Labor Relations, both from the University of New Haven.