



John Kerndl Joins Wellstar as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

MARIETTA, Ga. (Feb. 17, 2025) – John Kerndl has joined Wellstar Health System as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. He will provide strong financial stewardship as the nonprofit health system continues to grow and expand access to care for Georgians across the state.

“John’s wealth of experience in healthcare financial leadership will allow us to invest in the technologies, resources, services, and most importantly, the people, that enable us to deliver world-class care to the patients and communities we serve,” said Candice L. Saunders, President and CEO of Wellstar Health System.



Over his 30-year career, John has held senior executive positions in healthcare organizations across the nation. Most recently, he served as Chief Financial Officer for Traditions Health, a \$350M hospice and home health system consisting of 113 locations in 18 states. In this role, he oversaw all financial planning and analysis activity, treasury, central intake, revenue cycle, information technology and security, supply chain, risk and insurance, accounting, and managed care, among other responsibilities.

John previously worked as the EVP and Chief Financial Officer for Beth Israel Lahey Health, a Boston-based health system consisting of 10 acute care campuses, 4,000 physicians, and 35,000 team members. He also served as EVP and Chief Financial Officer for Beaumont Health System, the largest care provider in Michigan.

John received his Bachelor of Business Administration from Georgia State University and his Master of Business Administration from the University of Chicago.

Wellstar is one of Georgia’s leading nonprofit health systems with 11 hospitals, more than 400 medical offices, and 33,000 team members serving more than 3 million patients each year in 148 of Georgia’s 159 counties. Wellstar is a national leader in charity and uncompensated care, providing more than \$1 billion annually in healthcare to patients who are uninsured or under-insured, and has received numerous awards as a great place to work, including Fortune’s list of 100 Best Companies to Work For in America.

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