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Paul S. Viviano Named New CEO of UC San Diego Health System



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Paul S. Viviano has accepted the position as the new CEO of UC San Diego Health System and associate vice chancellor for Health Sciences. His appointment was approved by the UC Board of Regents, and will commence June 1, 2012.

"Mr. Viviano has a solid track record of strategic leadership and entrepreneurism that drives results," said David Brenner, MD, vice chancellor for Health Sciences and dean of the School of Medicine at UC San Diego. "He has a hands-on philosophy of working with clinicians and researchers to insure outstanding patient care – exactly the kind of skills needed to elevate levels of innovation and quality as UC San Diego Health System grows."

Viviano is currently Chairman of the Board and CEO of Alliance Healthcare Services – the nation's largest provider of advanced outpatient diagnostic imaging services and a national leader in delivery of radiation oncology services – where he has served since 2003.

During his tenure, he defined the strategic path, expanded the company's technology platform, and optimized the investment value of the organization.

His prior positions include president and CEO of USC University Hospital and USC/Norris Cancer Hospital, a private research and teaching hospital staffed by faculty from the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California. USC/Norris is an NCI-designated comprehensive cancer center with more than 200 basic scientists, physicians and other Keck School of Medicine faculty members. Prior to his work at USC, Viviano served in various positions, including executive vice president and CEO of the St. Joseph Health System in Orange, California, comprised of 14 acute hospitals, six medical practice foundations, three home-health agencies and multiple ambulatory clinics.

From 1985 to 1987, he was president and CEO of the 300-bed non-profit acute care facility Long Beach Community Hospital and, from 1980 to 1985, served as CEO of Los Alamitos Medical Center.

A Los Angeles native and UC alum, Viviano earned his master's degree in public administration-public health at UCLA. He is a member of the Board of Trustees at Loyola Marymount University, where he also serves as chair of the governance committee, a member of the finance committee and chair of the Bioethics Institute. He is also a board member and former chairman of the National Association for Quality Imaging, and will continue to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for Alliance HealthCare Services.

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