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John Kueven is Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Northeast Georgia Health System (NGHS), a non-profit on a mission of improving the health of our community in all we do. Our team cares for more than one million people across the region through five hospitals and a variety of outpatient locations, including three skilled nursing facilities.

Northeast Georgia Health System (NGMC) has campuses in Gainesville, Braselton, Winder, Dahlonega and Demorest – with a total of more than 850 beds and more than 1,300 medical staff members representing more than 60 specialties. NGMC Gainesville is the 557-bed flagship hospital of NGHS. NGMC Gainesville's services include a Level I trauma center, 23 operating rooms, emergency services, a 32-bed Intensive Care Unit (ICU), an 18-bed cardiovascular ICU and a Women & Children's pavilion with a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Prior to joining NGHS, John served as senior vice president of Wellstar Cobb and Paulding Hospitals. Under his leadership, Wellstar Paulding received the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award for performance excellence and a Magnet designation for nursing excellence. John was also chief operating officer of Memorial Hermann Katy, director of transplant at Boston Children's Hospital and held leadership roles at North Mississippi Medical Center.

He received master's degrees in health administration and business administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham; a bachelor's degree of business administration from Millsaps College; and an associate degree in nursing.

John is past president of the Georgia Association of Healthcare Executives and current state regent for the American College of Healthcare Executives; immediate past president of the University of Alabama at Birmingham's graduate program of hospital administration alumni board; and alumnus of the International Hospital Federation's Young Executive Leaders.