

## **Eric Garrard bio**

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Eric Garrard, FACHE, PT is the Vice President of Rehabilitation & Sports Medicine at Wellstar Health System based in Marietta, GA. His responsibilities include strategic planning and operational support for the system's comprehensive rehabilitation service line across 10 hospitals, 4 inpatient rehab units, 7 wound & hyperbaric centers, and 85 outpatient rehab centers. Mr. Garrard is a licensed physical therapist and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Therapy from the University of South Alabama and a Master's Degree in Health Care Administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Over his career, Eric has held leadership positions in acute and post-acute healthcare networks across the southeastern US, including 11 years as CEO of freestanding rehabilitation hospitals in Georgia & Tennessee. Mr. Garrard has served as Chair of Georgia Hospital Association's Rehab Council as well as a three-year term on the American Hospital Association's Long Term Care & Rehabilitation Council. He is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. Eric and his wife, Deana, have 3 children and enjoy most outdoor activities including running, fishing, hiking, and kayaking.