

# The 50 Most Powerful Physician Executives, 2009 -- text list

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This year, Dr. David Shulkin was ranked #14 in the country on Modern Healthcare's list of the 50 Most Powerful Physician Executives. In 2008, Dr. Shulkin was listed #12 in Modern Healthcare's ranking. The full list of awardees is below:

## [1. Carolyn Clancy](#)

Director,  
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality,  
Washington

## [2. Christine Cassel](#)

President and CEO,  
American Board of Internal Medicine, ABIM Foundation,  
Philadelphia

## [3. Mark Chassin](#)

President,  
Joint Commission,  
Oakbrook Terrace, Ill.

## [4. Donald Berwick](#)

President and CEO,  
Institute for Healthcare Improvement,  
Cambridge, Mass.

## [5. Stephen Newman](#)

Chief operating officer,  
Tenet Healthcare Corp.,  
Dallas

## [6. Emad Rizk](#)

President,  
McKesson Health Solutions,  
Broomfield, Colo.

**7. Jonathan Perlin**

Chief medical officer, president of the Clinical Services Group,  
HCA,  
Nashville

**8. Gary Gottlieb**

President,  
Brigham and Women's Hospital,  
Boston

**9. Robert Wah**

Chief medical officer, vice president of North American Public Sector,  
Computer Sciences Corp.,  
El Segundo, Calif.

**10. William Jessee**

President and CEO,  
Medical Group Management Association,  
Englewood, Colo.

**11. Rodney Hochman**

CEO,  
Swedish Medical Center,  
Seattle

**12. David Blumenthal**

National coordinator for health information technology,  
HHS,  
Washington

**13. Dexanne Clohan**

Chief medical officer,  
HealthSouth Corp.,  
Birmingham, Ala.

**14. David Shulkin**

Immediate past president and CEO,  
Beth Israel Medical Center,  
New York

**15. Lanny Copeland**

Chief medical officer,  
LifePoint Hospitals,  
Brentwood, Tenn.

**16. Gary Kaplan**

Chairman and CEO,  
Virginia Mason Medical Center,  
Seattle

**17. David Pate**

CEO,  
St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital,  
Houston

**18. Ron Anderson**

President and CEO,  
Parkland Health & Hospital System,  
Dallas

**19. Prem Reddy**

Chairman,  
Prime Healthcare Services,  
Victorville, Calif.

**20. J. James Rohack**

Director,  
Center for Healthcare Policy,  
Scott & White Healthcare,  
Temple, Texas

**21. Harry Jacobson**

Vice chancellor for health affairs,

Vanderbilt University,  
Nashville

**22. Georges Benjamin**

Executive director,  
American Public Health Association,  
Washington

**23. Robert Wachter**

Chief of the division of hospital medicine,  
University of California at San Francisco Medical Center

**24. Daniel Palestrant**

Founder and CEO,  
Sermo,  
Cambridge, Mass.

**25. John Koster**

President and CEO,  
Providence Health & Services,  
Seattle

**26. Brent James**

Chief quality officer and executive director,  
Institute for Health Care Delivery Research,  
Intermountain Healthcare,  
Salt Lake City

**27. Edward Murphy**

President and CEO,  
Carilion Clinic,  
Roanoke, Va.

**28. Patrick Quinlan**

President and CEO,  
Ochsner Health System,  
New Orleans

**29. Barbara Paul**

Senior vice president and chief medical officer  
Community Health Systems,  
Franklin, Tenn.

**30. Paul Tang**

Vice president and chief medical information officer,  
Palo Alto (Calif.) Medical Foundation

**31. Barry Silbaugh**

CEO,  
American College of Physician Executives,  
Tampa, Fla.

**32. Mark Leavitt**

Chairman,  
Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology,  
Chicago

**33. Risa Lavizzo-Mourey**

President and CEO,  
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation,  
Princeton, N.J.

**34. Molly Cove**

Founder and CEO,  
Health Technology Center,  
San Francisco

**35. Reed Tuckson**

Executive vice president and chief of medical affairs,  
UnitedHealth Group,  
Minnetonka, Minn.

**36. John Cochran**

Executive director,  
Permanente Federation,  
Oakland, Calif.

**37. John Halamka**

Chief information officer,  
CareGroup Health System;  
CIO and chief technology officer,  
Harvard Medical School,  
Boston

**38. William Bria**

Chairman,  
Association of Medical Directors of Information Systems,  
Lake Almanor, Calif.

**39. Darrell Kirch**

President,  
Association of American Medical Colleges,  
Washington

**40. Michael Maves**

Executive vice president and CEO,  
American Medical Association,  
Chicago

**41. Troyen Brennan**

Executive vice president, chief medical officer,  
CVS Caremark Corp.,  
Woonsocket, R.I.

**42. Herbert Pardes**

President and CEO,  
New York-Presbyterian Healthcare System,  
New York

**43. Steven Safyer**

President and CEO,  
Montefiore Medical Center,  
New York

**44. Melinda Estes**

President and CEO,  
Fletcher Allen Health Care  
Burlington, Vt.

**45. Paul Whelton**

President and CEO,  
Loyola University Health System, Maywood, Ill.;  
vice president of health sciences,  
Loyola University

**46. Jack Lewin**

CEO,  
American College of Cardiology,  
Washington

**47. Thomas Nasca**

Executive director and CEO,  
Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education,  
Chicago

**48. Harvey Fineberg**

President,  
Institute of Medicine,  
Washington

**49. Adam Singer**

Founder, chairman, CEO and chief medical officer,  
IPC-The Hospitalist Co.,  
North Hollywood, Calif.

**50. Ronald Greeno**

Co-founder, chief medical officer,  
Cogent Healthcare,  
Brentwood, Tenn.