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RICK SCHOOLER, Vice President & Chief Information Officer, Orlando Regional Healthcare

Orlando Regional Healthcare is one of Florida's most comprehensive, private, not-for-profit healthcare networks. Orlando Regional is a 1,780-bed system whose facilities, advanced medical treatments, procedures, and highly qualified staff have distinguished Orlando Regional as a healthcare leader for nearly two million Central Florida residents and 4,500 international visitors annually. Rick Schooler joined Orlando Regional Healthcare in October, 2001 as Vice President/Chief Information Officer. His current areas of responsibility include Information Technology, Telecommunications, Clinical Informatics, BioMedical Engineering, Purchasing and Materials Management. Prior to joining Orlando Regional, he was the Vice President and CIO for Central Georgia Health System.



STEVEN SONENREICH, CEO, Mount Sinai Medical Center & Miami Heart Institute

Mount Sinai Medical Center is the largest employer on Miami Beach, with more than 3,000 employees. As the largest private, independent, not-for-profit teaching hospital in Florida, it has 955 beds and more than 800 physicians. Founded in 1944 (Miami Heart Institute) and 1949 (Mount Sinai Medical Center), it has the most active cardiac program in South Florida with more than 722 open heart surgeries and 6,251 diagnostic and therapeutic cardiac catheterizations in 2006. Steven Sonenreich joined Mount Sinai Medical Center in 1976 and for the past 6 years has served as its president and CEO. Under his leadership, the teaching hospital has won numerous awards for its quality care and probing research and was most recently named one of "America's Best Hospitals" for geriatric care by U.S. News and World Report.



GEORGE T. HICKMAN, FHIMSS, CPHIMS, Albany Medical Center

George T. Hickman is Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer for Albany Medical Center in New York's Capital Region. He is responsible for overseeing all information technology activities for the medical center, medical college, and faculty practice. This is his third academic health system CIO post. Hickman is past board chair (2006-2007) and a Fellow for the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS), and was a charter member of the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME). He was recently named the 2007 CHIME/HIMSS John E. Gall CIO of the Year.