



John M. Tedeschi, M.D.
Chairman and CEO

John M. Tedeschi, M.D., is a renowned leader in pediatric medicine across the New Jersey region and the country, and has been repeatedly acknowledged for his outstanding abilities as a pediatrician and his leadership. He was the first recipient of the VIRTUA West Jersey Health System "Distinguished Career Award" and "SuperStar Physician of Excellence." A native of Camden, NJ, Dr. Tedeschi is the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Advocare, LLC, formerly Children's Health Associates, LLC, one of the largest healthcare providers in the Northeast and is the Senior Partner of South Jersey Pediatrics, one of its clinical sites. With almost 35 years practicing pediatric medicine, he has devoted his career to evolving new and creative strategies to improve the care given to children in this region and across the country. Dr. Tedeschi is a highly sought after expert in the field. He initially ventured into pediatric medicine because, as he states in his own words, he "loves everything about children." Any one of the thousands of children and parents whom Dr. Tedeschi has helped over the years would quickly concur with this statement.

Dr. Tedeschi has been an active force in the medical profession for many years. From 1973-1987, Dr. Tedeschi was Chief of Pediatrics at Garden State Community Hospital, which is now VIRTUA-Marlton Division. In 1988, Dr. Tedeschi became Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at West Jersey Hospital-Voorhees and retained that leadership role during its transition to VIRTUA Health Systems. Consequently, Dr. Tedeschi has served on the Medical Executive Committee for 30+ years. He has served as President of the Medical Staff of Garden State Community Hospital-1979-1981 and then in 2000 -2005 served as President of the Medical Staff of VIRTUA Health System. In 1978, he founded the Perinatal Cooperative which regionalized Maternal Health care for all of South Jersey and consequently the State of New Jersey and served as Chairman of the Board of that organization for ten years and continues as a Board member. Dr. Tedeschi began Children's Health Associates, LLC in 1998, followed by VIRTUA In-House Pediatrics (VIP), Children and Adolescent Rapid Emergency Services (CARES), Pediatric Intensive Care Associates (PICA), and Neonatal Intensive Care Associates (NICU), serving as the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board at all of these organizations.

Dr. Tedeschi has been a member of the parent Board of Trustees of the VIRTUA Health System since 2000.

In addition to his many leadership roles, Dr. Tedeschi received a gubernatorial appointment as Vice Chairman of the Planning Board for the State of New Jersey



Department of Health, served on the Pediatric Clinical Advisory Commission, and chaired the Certificate of Need Process. He has taught at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and the University of Medicine and Dentistry/Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

Presently, Dr. Tedeschi serves on the Governor's Task Force for Medical Malpractice, the Medical Liability Task Force of the Medical Society of New Jersey, the New Jersey Hospital Association Council on Hospital Governance, the American Academy of Pediatrics, New Jersey Chapter Practice Management Committee, Executive Council and Government Affairs Committee, JeffCare Board of Directors, and the VIRTUA Health System Board of Trustees. He is also the Chair of the VIRTUA Health System Physician Council, the VIRTUA Foundation Capital Campaign Cabinet and Chairs the Major Gifts Committee and Medical Staff Committee, and is a member of the VIRTUA Health Facility Planning Committee and a former member of the Medical Affairs Committee. Over the course of his career he has served on 50 to 75 hospital committees, most in a leadership role.

Other accolades bestowed upon Dr. Tedeschi include the 2002 Frances Black Humanitarian Award in Healthcare, the UMDNJ Distinguished Physician Award, the Association of Healthcare Executives of New Jersey Distinguished Service Award and the Cosmopolitan Club of the Delaware Valley Physician of the Year. He has been recognized innumerable times as a "Top Doc" by *Philadelphia Magazine*, *New Jersey Monthly Magazine*, *SJ Magazine* and *South Jersey Magazine* and the *Best Doctors in America, Northeast Region, and Best Doctors in America*. Dr. Tedeschi has also contributed to multiple charitable initiatives including the Save the Children Foundation and the Board of Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, and has organized and developed immunization campaigns for inner city children.

Dr. Tedeschi received a full academic scholarship to Villanova University and attended Creighton University School of Medicine. After completing his internship and residency at Cooper Hospital in Camden, New Jersey, Dr. Tedeschi began a private practice with Ronald Bernardin, MD, which later progressed to what is now Advocare South Jersey Pediatrics. John is married to Geraldine (nee Bantivoglio), and has two children - John B. and Elizabeth B.