

ELIZABETH WAKO



Elizabeth Wako, M.D., MBA, is president and CEO of Swedish Health Services, which is an affiliate of the Providence family of organizations and the largest nonprofit health system serving the Seattle metropolitan area.

In this role, Dr. Wako oversees an organization with more than 1,500 licensed patient beds, 48,000 annual inpatient admissions and \$3.4 billion in revenue. Swedish – which was founded in 1910 – is comprised of five hospital campuses: First Hill, Cherry Hill, Ballard, Edmonds and Issaquah. The system is also home to ambulatory care centers in Redmond and Mill Creek, and a network of hundreds of primary care and specialty care clinics which are located throughout the Greater Puget Sound area.

Before stepping into her current role, Dr. Wako held several key executive positions at Swedish. Most recently, Dr. Wako served as chief executive of Providence Swedish's services in the Central Puget Sound area.

Dr. Wako is a proven leader, with a health-care career spanning over three decades that began as a registered nurse working in behavioral health. Dr. Wako received her medical degree from the University of Utah and returned to the University of Washington – her alma mater – to complete a medical residency in anesthesia, a fellowship in perioperative medicine, and finally, her MBA.

Dr. Wako lives in Seattle with her husband and four children, and in her free time enjoys hosting friends around the dinner table, traveling, and the occasional game of golf.

