

Donna M. O'Brien
President



Donna M. O'Brien has a consulting practice in healthcare strategy and policy, operations, and clinical program development. Building upon her extensive management experience with health systems, academic medical centers and hospitals, and with healthcare organization partnerships and restructuring, she launched her consulting practice in 2005. She is frequently engaged by CEOs and Boards for planning and driving the achievement of enterprise-wide initiatives to best position organizations for success in the changing healthcare environment.

O'Brien has over 25 years experience working in academic medical centers, health systems and community hospitals. Her leadership positions have included serving as: Executive Vice President of the Catholic Health System of Long Island (a \$1.3B health system with five hospitals, four nursing homes, homecare/hospice,) where she led the formation of the health system, and as Assistant Administrator for hospital administration at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

In her consulting work, Ms. O'Brien has focused on strategy development and implementation, the formation of partnerships and alliances, transformation of care delivery to a more patient centered approach, and preparing the healthcare delivery system for personalized medicine and advances in research. She leads strategy projects for health systems and academic medical centers. Since 2005, she has worked as an Advisor to the Office of the Director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) where she led the planning and implementation of the NCI Community Cancer Centers Program (NCCCP); a program designed to expand state-of-the-art cancer care and research to community settings. O'Brien also serves as a U.S. Advisor for UK based Oxford Cancer Solutions.

She has national and regional experience in the design, formation and merger of health systems, networks, and partnerships. She served on the Merger Steering Committee to oversee the formation of Christus Health, a Dallas-based healthcare organization with approximately 40 hospitals and healthcare facilities in the U.S, Ireland and Mexico, and where she served on the Board for 9 years. She was a founding member of the 10 hospital Long Island Health Network, one of the only examples in the U.S. of a clinically integrated *hospital to hospital* joint venture. Over the past 20 years, she has served on the Boards of Directors of three different national health systems which has given her exposure to a variety of markets across the U.S. She served on the Board of Directors and Operations Committee for an HMO.

Ms. O'Brien served on the Governor of New York State's Commission on Healthcare Facilities for the Twenty First Century (the Berger Commission) which made recommendations on closing, and restructuring hospitals. In 2009, she received the National Institutes of Health Director's Award for her work on the team that developed the *NCCCP Program*.

She is a Member of the Board of Regents of Seton Hall University, where she is Chair of the Audit Committee, serves on the Finance and Academic Affairs Committees, and was a Member of the University President Search Committee.

She is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross and has her Masters in Health Administration from St. Louis University. She is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.