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Michael O. Ugwueke is a visionary healthcare executive who leverages business acumen, financial discipline, and strategic innovation to advance performance of diverse healthcare organizations. Over the past 20 years, he has designed and launched game-changing initiatives that deliver on revenue, growth, expansion, and quality targets.

In 2017, Michael became President and CEO of Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare (MLH), a six-hospital, integrated system in Memphis, Tennessee, after serving as the organization's COO for four years. Michael instilled a culture of excellence that enabled MLH to achieve top decile performance levels across all publicly reported measures and rate among the "150 Top Places to Work in Healthcare" (Becker's), "Best Regional Hospital" (US News & World Report), and "Best Employers for Diversity" (Forbes).

Michael's commitment to exceptional care also extends beyond the MLH campus, and he has collaborated with dozens of local agencies to support programs that benefit the economic health of the community. In recognition of these efforts, MLH was named "2018 Corporation of the Year" by the Mid-South Minority Business Council for its \$38.7 million in direct and subcontracted spending.

As a healthcare thought leader, Michael is a sought-after speaker for industry conferences, such as Press Ganey, Becker's, and the American College of Healthcare Executives. Prior to joining MLH, Michael held executive roles at Provena Health in Mokena, Illinois, and MedStar Health Washington Hospital Center in Washington, DC. He received a doctorate in health administration and leadership from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, a master's degree in public health from Emory University, and a bachelor's degree from Shaw University.