EDWARD JIMENEZ, M.B.A., has served as Chief Executive Officer for University of Florida Health Shands since 2014. He was previously Chief Operating Officer from 2010 to 2014.

Mr. Jimenez guides the operations, financial performance and strategic direction for the Gainesville-based teaching hospital, specialty hospitals and clinical programs, collaborating with UF College of Medicine faculty and UF Health administrators to ensure the delivery of outstanding patient care and quality outcomes and support education and research.

Under his leadership, UF Health has built and opened a 216-bed, $415 million heart/vascular and neuromedicine hospital facility, established new clinical services in Alachua and Marion counties and expanded robust affiliate and partner relationships with health systems and providers throughout the state. UF Health Shands consistently earns top-50 rankings in multiple adult and pediatric medical specialties in the annual U.S. News & World Report best hospitals listings. UF Health Shands also has four consecutive Magnet designations, the most prestigious honor for nursing excellence.

Prior to joining UF Health, Mr. Jimenez was the System Vice President for St. Joseph’s Healthcare System, a 900-bed health system in northern New Jersey; and he served in administrative leadership roles at nationally prominent academic medical centers including the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

Mr. Jimenez has a Master’s in Business Administration degree from the Zicklin School of Business at Baruch College in New York and a bachelor’s degree in politics from Brandeis University in Massachusetts. He is an Affiliate Clinical Associate Professor in the UF College of Public Health and Health Professions and an Associate Adjunct Professor at Johns Hopkins University.

State and national appointments
Mr. Jimenez serves as chair of the Safety Net Hospital Alliance of Florida; a board member of the Council of Teaching Hospital and Health Systems, part of the American Association of American Medical Colleges; and a board member of Vizient, the nation’s largest health care performance-improvement organization. Past appointments include serving on the Transition Advisory Committee on Health and Wellness for Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis.

About UF Health Shands
Mr. Jimenez’s oversight includes UF Health’s flagship teaching hospital UF Health Shands Hospital and six specialty hospitals: UF Health Shands Children’s Hospital; UF Health Shands Cancer Hospital; UF Health Heart & Vascular Hospital; UF Health Neuromedicine Hospital; UF Health Shands Psychiatric Hospital; and UF Health Rehab Hospital. UF Health Shands also includes comprehensive outpatient services, a network of rehabilitation centers and a home health agency. Patients come to UF Health Shands from all 67 Florida counties, all 50 U.S. states and from about a dozen countries each year. UF Health Shands is a $1.6 billion academic medical center with nearly 11,000 employees.