



Merle Taylor

Merle Taylor serves as chief operating officer for UCHealth's Southern Colorado Region, which includes UCHealth Memorial Hospital Central, Memorial Hospital North and Grandview Hospital in Colorado Springs, as well as and Pikes Peak Regional Hospital in Woodland Park. The region has a workforce of more than 6000 people and more than 600 inpatient beds.

Merle joined UCHealth in October 2017 and is responsible for the daily operation of the hospitals. Before joining UCHealth, he served in several roles for UPMC in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania over an eleven-year period beginning with an Administrative Fellowship, and concluding most recently as Vice President of Operations at UPMC Passavant and UPMC St. Margaret. Merle earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Brigham Young University in Construction Management and Master's Degrees in Business Administration and Health Administration from Washington University in St. Louis. He is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and a member of the BYU Management Society.

Merle and his wife, Michelle, are the parents of 4 children. He is originally from Mesa, AZ, is fluent in Italian, and in his spare time, he enjoys golf, racquetball, reading, cooking, backpacking and most other outdoor activities.