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Marie E. Sinioris is President and CEO of the National Center for Healthcare Leadership, a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to be a catalyst to assure that high-quality, relevant, and accountable health management leadership is available to meet the needs of 21st century healthcare. Ms. Sinioris, a co-founder of NCHL, provides overall strategic direction and leads NCHL's national research and demonstration programs on health leadership competencies and best practices that contribute to leadership and organizational excellence. Notable demonstration projects include graduate health management, nurse-team leadership, and diversity leadership. The adoption of best practices is accelerated through shared learning and benchmarking within NCHL's national recognized *Leadership Excellence Networks (LENS)*. NCHL's goal is to improve the health status of the entire country through effective healthcare management leadership. NCHL's research is supported by grants from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and its corporate sponsors.

In 2007 Ms. Sinioris led NCHL in affiliation with GE Healthcare to form the *NCHL and GE Institute for Transformational Leadership*, which offers healthcare organizations a comprehensive portfolio of leadership development and strategic management services. The Institute's vision is to broadly and quickly deploy leadership training, systems, and tools that enable healthcare leaders to achieve transformational and sustainable improvements in healthcare efficiency, quality, and safety.

Prior to assuming this national role, Ms. Sinioris was President and Chief Executive Officer of Arc Ventures, LLC, a diversified healthcare company affiliated with Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois. As President, she directed the development and record growth of Arc's diversified portfolio of businesses. While with Rush, she also served as Corporate Vice President Strategic Planning and Senior Vice President and COO of Rush Health Plans, an HMO/PPO covering more than a quarter of a million people in the Chicago Metropolitan area. She later helped to design the partnership with the Prudential Insurance Company that resulted in Rush Prudential Health Plans.

Of special interest is Ms. Sinioris' role as the innovator of the quality management process at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center, which became a national model in the industry. Her commitment to quality management and leadership continued throughout her career and

in 1994 she co-founded and served as President of the Lincoln Foundation for Business Excellence, which is modeled after the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. Ms. Sinioris also served as a member of the Malcolm Baldrige Award Board of Examiners and the Quality Blue Ribbon Advisory Board of the Illinois Hospital Association.

Ms. Sinioris' academic and professional achievements are extensive. She is a Professor in the Department of Health Systems Management at Rush University. Active in professional and health-related associations, she has been a frequent speaker and has authored numerous articles and book chapters on the subjects of healthcare leadership and quality management. She is co-author of *Total Quality Management: The Health Care Pioneers*, and is Associate Editor of *Quality Management in Health Care*. She recently served as a member of the National Quality Forum Quality Healthcare Advisory Committee and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organization's Health Care Professional Education Roundtable addressing implementation of the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine's report *Health Professions Education: A Bridge to Quality*.

Ms. Sinioris has been recognized for her leadership and contributions to the field by the Lincoln Foundation for Performance Excellence, the AHA Society of Hospital Planning and Marketing Association, Rush University, the Chicago Area Hospital Planning and Marketing Association, and the Delta Alpha Omega National Public Health Honor Society.

Ms. Sinioris currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Lincoln Foundation for Business Excellence, the Institute of Medicine Committee on Continuing Education, the American Hospital Association Blue Ribbon Panel on Trustee Competencies, the National Quality Forum Health Care Advisory Committee, and the Joint Commission Health Care Professional Education Roundtable.

Ms. Sinioris received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Indiana University, her Master of Public Health degree from the University of Illinois, and has completed graduate studies at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business.