

BRUCE D. SMITH

Biography

Bruce D. Smith is Senior Vice President of Information Systems and Chief Information Officer for Advocate Health Care based in Oak Brook, Illinois. Advocate was formed in 1995, through the combination of EHS Health Care and Lutheran General HealthSystem (LGHS). Both organizations were founded by churches - LGHS in 1897 by a predecessor church of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and EHS in 1906 by a forerunner of the United Church of Christ.

With a staff of 300 and an operating budget of \$50 million, the Division is responsible for providing a corporate network of information technology to Advocate. The Division supports a metropolitan-area computer/terminal/printer network of financial and clinical applications that have been integrated to share information throughout the organization. The Department has a centralized/decentralized structure which provides economies of scale and standardization, while staying close to the customers that we serve.

Prior to becoming Senior Vice President Information Systems and Chief Information Officer for Advocate, Mr. Smith was Vice President and Chief Information Officer for Lutheran General HealthSystem. Mr. Smith is a member of Health Information Management Systems Society (HIMSS), the HIMSS Chicago CIO Roundtable; and the Scottsdale Institute. Mr. Smith received his Bachelor of Business degree from Western Illinois University and his MBA degree from Loyola of Chicago.

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