

Randy Yates Bio

Mr. Yates is a tenured and dedicated security professional with deep ties to the security industry ecosystem. He is currently the Vice President and Chief Information Security Officer for Memorial Hermann Health System. Mr. Yates serves on numerous advisory committees for security products, services and healthcare specific associations.

Mr. Yates graduated from Mississippi State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance in 1990. He officially began his career in information technology and security as an IT manager and auditor at Internal Paper Company. Mr. Yates has more than 25 years in the technology sector that includes consulting roles at Cambridge Technology Partners, Healthlink, IBM and Deloitte. These opportunities provided Mr. Yates with the experience and skills to prepare him for his CISO role at Memorial Hermann.

In 2004, when Mr. Yates began his CISO role at MH, security efforts in healthcare were largely driven by new HIPAA Security rules. By 2015, at a time when cybersecurity attacks were becoming common place, Mr. Yates had transformed the MH information security team into a full-service InfoSec and Cybersecurity program. Today, cyber risks continue to appear at the top of enterprise risk models and have driven continued growth to the MH InfoSec team, technology stack and services portfolio under Mr. Yates's leadership.

Mr. Yates has a passion for developing future security practitioners through his relationship with Katy ISD Miller Career and Technology Center, the Memorial Herman Information Security internship program and through speaking and lecturing about security at Universities in Texas. This renewed connection to higher learning institutions and the need to continuously learn and adjust to changes in information technology has led to his successful completion of a Master of Science degree in Information System Security from the University of the Cumberland.