

## **WILLIAM TOON**

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William Toon is a seasoned IT executive with over 25 years of experience in the healthcare industry. His journey in IT began in 1998 with Perot Systems, where he worked directly on Y2K remediation initiatives for a Fortune 1000 Telecommunications provider. This formative experience paved the way for William's transition into healthcare post-Y2K, and allowed him the unique opportunity to work with a roster of notable organizations including Tenet Healthcare, Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC), Harvard Pilgrim, and Community Health Systems.

In 2008, William joined CHS as the Director of IT for Wesley Medical Center in Hattiesburg, MS. His exceptional leadership and strategic vision eventually led him to Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas in 2011, where he currently serves as the Chief Information Officer.

William's passion lies in leveraging technology to address and solve operational and strategic business challenges in healthcare. During his tenure at Baptists Hospitals of Southeast Texas, William has spearheaded the technology transformation of the organization - addressing regulatory changes with Meaningful Use\Promoting Interoperability as well as internal challenges with large scale Business Intelligence, and Patient Flow initiatives. Like all Healthcare organizations, Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas is under constant threat of cybersecurity attacks. William has led the successful response to multiple cyber-attacks including a debilitating attack on their payroll vendor, which overnight left the hospital without payroll, time and attendance, or HR systems during the last pay-period before Christmas 2021.

**As a speaker at the ACHE Chapter Meeting on Cybersecurity**, William brings a wealth of knowledge and experience and is eager to share the insights gained from his substantial career in healthcare IT. His strategic approach, executive leadership, and passion for innovation position him as an invaluable contributor to the discourse on the future of healthcare technology.

William has been married for 25 years to his lovely wife Tracy, and together they have one 16-year-old daughter. The family are avid foodies and enjoy cooking together and testing out new creations!