

Carla C. Braxton MD Biography

Carla C. Braxton MD, MBA, FACS, FACHE is the Chief Medical Officer and Chief Quality Officer for Houston Methodist West and Houston Methodist Continuing Care Hospitals. In this role, Dr. Braxton has hospital wide oversight for Accreditation, Clinical Quality and Patient Safety, Performance Improvement and Infection Prevention and Control. In Quality and Patient Safety, Houston Methodist West is currently a top decile performer in Vizient, ranked Leapfrog A and CMS Hospital Compare Five Stars. As Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Braxton is heavily involved in physician leader development, in crafting the physician's role in leading and supporting patient safety, and in improving physician-patient/family communication. Previously, Dr Braxton was a Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery, served as Director of Perioperative Services and was a practicing Acute Care Surgeon and Surgical Intensivist with the Baylor St. Lukes system, at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center. Prior to Baylor St. Lukes, Dr. Braxton carried dual faculty appointments in the Departments of Surgery and of Health Policy and Management at the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC). Based at the KUMC level one regional trauma center, she also served as the Medical Director of the Surgical ICU and Co-Director of the Burn ICU. Dr Braxton brings clinical and operational leadership experience to her role at Houston Methodist West and Houston Methodist Continuing Care. She remains clinically active in the Intensive Care Unit. Dr. Braxton completed her General Surgery Residency at SUNY Downstate in Brooklyn, NY, Surgical Critical Care Fellowship at University of Pennsylvania and Master's in Business Administration at Columbia Business School, NY, NY.