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Steve Burriss
President, Triangle Region
UNC Health



Steve Burriss was named president of the UNC Health Triangle Region in October 2019, leading UNC Health's transformation into a clinically integrated system of hospitals, clinics and physician practices. In this role, Burriss leads UNC Health's efforts to integrate care within Triangle hospitals, clinics, and physician practices. He has authority and oversight for the work at UNC Medical Center (including its flagship hospital in Chapel Hill) and UNC REX Healthcare, Chatham Hospital, Johnson Health's Clayton and Smithfield hospitals, and a network of ambulatory care sites throughout the region.

He also serves as chair of the Rex Health Ventures investment committee.

Burriss previously served as president of UNC REX Healthcare from April 2015 to Oct. 2019. In that role, he oversaw all aspects of the 660-bed health system's operations and its 7,000 co-workers at six campuses across Wake County including the North Carolina Heart & Vascular Hospital.

Burriss held previous roles at Rex Healthcare, including chief operating officer, senior vice president of operations and ambulatory services, vice president of human resources. He started working at Rex in 1998 as director of human resources.

In 2013 Burriss was named a "COO to know", "CEO to know in 2017" by Becker's Hospital Review and received recognition from the Triangle Business Journal as "40 Under 40." During his tenure, UNC REX was highlighted as one of the Top 50 Hospitals in the U.S. by Becker's Hospital Review, consistently earned straight A's from the Leapfrog Group for patient safety since 2012 - one of 36 hospitals in the nation and the only one in North Carolina to achieve this, twice named Best Hospital in North Carolina by Business North Carolina magazine and received the CMS 5 Star Rating in 2017 and 2019.

In 2017, Burriss was recognized with the Goodmon Award for his exemplary work and commitment to the economic growth and vitality of the Triangle region. He takes an active role in our community, and serves on the board of the North Carolina Symphony. He also served as co-chair for the 2019 Wake County Community Health Needs Assessment. He previously served on the boards of the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, and the Greater Raleigh and Convention and Visitors Bureau. He was chair of the 2017 American Heart Association Heart Ball and chair of the 2015 March of Dimes' Triangle March for Babies.

Burriss earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business and an MBA from Marshall University. He lives in Raleigh with his wife, Tina, and has two children.