



Palm Beach Gardens  
Medical Center

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**PALM BEACH GARDENS MEDICAL CENTER ANNOUNCES 2011  
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS**

**WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. -February 2011—** Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center is proud to announce the appointment of its 2011 Governing Board. The Governing Board is responsible for policies and practices related to quality and environment of care at the hospital, medical staff credentialing and patient safety and satisfaction.

The Governing Board is comprised of eight local community and business leaders, and eight physicians who are members of the medical staff, several of whom are past medical staff chiefs. The 2011 Governing Board members are as follows:

**Chairwoman**

Kristen Olson Murtaugh, PhD

**Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center**

Mike Cowling, CEO

**Medical Staff**

Robert J. Anderson, Jr., M.D., Thoracic & Cardiothoracic Surgery

Rohit Dandiya, M.D., Internal Medicine

Rodney Herman, M.D., Internal Medicine

Andres Suarez, M.D., Infectious Diseases

Baqir Syed, M.D., Internal Medicine

Jose De Olazabal, M.D., Pulmonary Medicine

Simie Platt, M.D., Chief of Staff, Electrophysiology

Israel L. Wacks, M.D., Nephrology

**Community/Business Leaders**

Barbara L. Allan, President, SRA Research Company

Philip LoGrasso, PhD, Professor/Molecular Therapeutics, Scripps Research Institute

David Levy, Mayor, City of Palm Beach Gardens

Edward G. Sabin, Biomet, Inc. Vice President

Rabbi Alan R. Sherman, Community Chaplain, Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County

David H. Talley, Community Leader

**About Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center**

Ranked as one of “America’s 50 Best Hospitals” for the fifth year in a row,\* Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center is a 199-bed acute care hospital serving the medical and health care needs of Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast for more than 40 years. Fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, PBGMC was the first hospital in Palm Beach County and the Treasure coast to perform open-heart surgery and has since remained one of the area’s leading heart hospitals, providing comprehensive cardiac care. PBGMC also offers orthopedics, diagnostic imaging, general surgery, outpatient surgery and more.

The hospital has recently completed the 13.6 million dollar Emergency Room expansion, with more than triple the amount of space as before allowing the hospital to meet the needs of the growing Northern Palm Beach communities.

For more information or physician referral, please call 561-625-5070 or visit [www.pbgmc.com](http://www.pbgmc.com).

\*Ranked by HealthGrades, a leading independent healthcare ratings company.

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