

**Robert Charles Garrett, FACHE**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

Robert Charles Garrett, FACHE, is Secretary/Treasurer of the American Diabetes Association (ADA), the leading nonprofit health organization dedicated to preventing and curing diabetes and to improving the lives of the nearly 21 million children and adults currently living in the United States with the disease. He is also Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Hackensack University Medical Center in Hackensack, New Jersey.

Garrett has been an active volunteer leader with the Association since 2003. He has served on ADA's Finance Committee and joined both the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors in 2005. He is also a past Chairman of ADA's New Jersey Leadership Council.

As Chief Operating Officer for Hackensack University Medical Center, Garrett oversees day-to-day operations for a 825 bed not-for-profit, tertiary care, and teaching and research institution. The Medical Center has been recognized by HealthGrades as one of the top 50 hospitals in the nation based on clinical outcomes. With revenues in excess of 1.2 billion dollars, the Medical Center is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest hospital in the nation, based on inpatient admissions. During his tenure there, he has spearheaded numerous initiatives to facilitate best-in-class care, including obtaining designation as a children's hospital. Hackensack University Medical Center is currently ranked as one of the top 20 children's hospitals in the nation.

Garrett's many awards and honors include *Modern Healthcare's* Up and Comers Award in 1996, the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Greater Hackensack Chamber of Commerce in 2001, and the Association of Healthcare Executives Distinguished Service Award in 2004.

Garrett received his Master of Health Administration degree from Washington University in Saint Louis and his Bachelor's degree from Binghamton University in New York.

