Dartmouth Health



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Joanne M. Conroy, MD, is CEO and President of Dartmouth Health, the most rural academic health system in the country and New Hampshire's largest private employer, with more than 18,000 employees. The system is home to the state's only children's hospital and the most rural NCI-designated cancer center in the U.S. Since joining Dartmouth Health in 2017, she has driven transformation, financial stabilization, and clinical expansion to improve access to care for patients throughout the region.

Under Dr. Conroy's leadership, Dartmouth Health has completed a $150 million expansion of a new patient pavilion at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, the system's flagship hospital, expanding its capacity to 460 inpatient beds and expanded its Dartmouth Hitchcock Clinics Manchester, NH, location with an Ambulatory Surgical Center and a new Radiation Oncology Center, creating greater access to critical services for patients in the southern region of New Hampshire.

Beyond expansion, Dr. Conroy has overseen innovations such as the creation of the Center for Rural Health Care Delivery Science to address and better understand rural health disparities to help improve individual outcomes, and in early 2026, Dartmouth Health secured federal funding to launch a first-of-its-kind inpatient program for pregnant women with substance use disorders as an extension of its unique Moms in Recovery program.

In a region that is predominantly rural, Dr. Conroy has been instrumental in ensuring patients have access to key clinical services when and where they need them delivered by world-class clinicians using advanced state-of-the-art technology and practices. Through strategic investments in workforce development, recruitment, and retention, childcare and

housing, and partnerships, Dartmouth Health has become a model for health systems throughout the country.

As a staunch advocate for increasing the role of women in healthcare leadership and a founding member of Women of Impact, a group of healthcare executives addressing complex problems in the industry, Dr. Conroy is recognized as a role model for other women who aspire to become leaders and agents for positive change in healthcare.

Dr. Conroy is board-certified with the American Board of Anesthesiologists. She has published more than thirty peer-reviewed articles, lectured widely, secured several extramural grants, and is a member of numerous medical societies. Most recently, she served as chair of the American Hospital Association Board in 2024 and as past chair in 2025.

Prior to joining Dartmouth Health, Dr. Conroy served as CEO of Lahey Hospital & Medical Center in Burlington, MA, and as chief healthcare officer for the Association of American Medical Colleges in Washington, DC. She previously served as chief medical officer, vice president of academic affairs and executive vice president of the Atlantic Health System and as president and chief operating officer for Morristown Medical Center in New Jersey.

Earlier in her career, Dr. Conroy held several academic and administrative leadership positions at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), including president of the medical staff, director of Residency Education for the Department of Anesthesiology, chair of the Department of Anesthesia & Perioperative Medicine, associate vice president for Medical Affairs, executive medical director and senior associate Dean of the MUSC College of Medicine.

Dr. Conroy earned her undergraduate degree in chemistry from Dartmouth College as a member of the second-ever class to admit women and received the prestigious Robert Sloan Scholarship from Singer Corporation. She earned her medical degree from MUSC, where she completed her residency in anesthesiology.