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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. Twice named one of the "100 Most Influential People in Healthcare" by *Modern Healthcare*, Conroy has overseen significant expansion and investment at Dartmouth Health, such as a $150 million patient pavilion at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, the system's flagship hospital, expanding its capacity to 460 inpatient beds.

A vocal advocate for rural healthcare organizations, Dr. Conroy has convened northern New England health system CEOs to raise awareness of the challenges, she has overseen innovations such as the creation of the Center for Rural Health Care Delivery Science to address and better understand rural health disparities, and she has been instrumental in ensuring patients have access to key clinical services when and where they need them. Through strategic investments in workforce development, recruitment, and retention, childcare and housing, and partnerships, Dartmouth Health has become a model for healthcare systems throughout the country.

Dr. Conroy 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. Dr. Conroy earned her undergraduate degree in chemistry from Dartmouth College and earned her medical degree from Medical University of South Carolina, where she completed her residency in anesthesiology.

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A leading advocate for rural healthcare, Dr. Conroy has brought together health system leaders across northern New England to address the unique challenges facing rural communities and helped establish the Center for Rural Health Care Delivery Science to advance research and reduce health disparities. She served as chair of the American Hospital Association Board in 2024 and past chair in 2025. Prior to joining Dartmouth Health, Dr. Conroy served as CEO of Lahey Hospital & Medical Center in Massachusetts. She earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Dartmouth College and a medical degree from the Medical University of South Carolina, where she also completed her anesthesiology residency**.**

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