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LEADERS IN HEALTH CARE

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“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.”

For the [750,000](#) health care workers in New York City, Winston Churchill’s words are more guiding principle than maxim. The professionals who deliver care directly and support it through technology, operations and finances exert their energies daily to ensure the wellbeing of New Yorkers. And their efforts in hospitals, health clinics, research centers and elsewhere have helped catapult New York to the [eighth](#) highest-ranking state for health care, according to U.S. News and World Report. Individuals working in the field — a major piston in New York City’s economic engine — contribute to the metropolis’s overall flourishing as well.

With all this in mind, we selected 53 honorees for our 2024 Notable Leaders in Health Care. The people you’ll meet here are treating chronic illness, leading innovative women’s health platforms, investing in community-based organizations, guiding PhD students, providing elder care and ensuring equitable access for diverse populations. Join us in celebrating their exceptional accomplishments and meaningful progress across the health care sector.

**METHODOLOGY:** *The featured honorees were put forward for consideration by their peers, companies and acquaintances. Crain’s New York Business editors then selected these nominees based on their demonstrated accomplishments, professional success and meaningful contributions to their respective industries, as represented in the eligibility section of their nomination form.*



**Keith Patterson**

*Executive vice president and  
chief financial officer*  
VNS Health

**Scope of work:** As executive vice president and chief financial officer of VNS Health, Keith Patterson provides financial management for the \$3 billion nonprofit, which employs 10,000 people and includes six provider-services business lines, five health plans and a corporate shared services division. He also oversees the finance, audit and investment board committees.

**Biggest career win:** Under Patterson’s leadership, in 2024 VNS Health acquired four upstate managed long-term care plans that otherwise would have closed, providing an essential safety net for New Yorkers statewide and ensuring continuity of care was preserved for those health plan members.

**Other contributions:** Patterson has worked to orchestrate career development and internship programs.



**Dan Savitt**

*Chief executive officer and  
president*  
VNS Health

**Scope of work:** As chief executive officer and president of VNS Health, Dan Savitt runs one of the largest nonprofit provider/payer home- and community-based health care organizations in the country. The \$3 billion organization and its 10,000 team members serve more than 51,000 patients, health plan members and clients.

**Biggest career win:** Savitt transformed VNS Health into a statewide organization, with its health plans — designed for individuals facing health and economic challenges — available in 37 New York counties. He also drove integration of the organization’s medical and behavioral health services and expanded its behavioral health programs.

**Other contributions:** Savitt fights to increase accessibility for home- and community-based health care, particularly in underserved neighborhoods.

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