



Dr. Susan L. Davis Recipient of the 2009 John Winthrop Wright



The Ethics in Action Award honors a Connecticut leader who has authentically demonstrated ethical business or leadership practices.

Susan L. Davis, is President and Chief Executive Officer for St. Vincent's Medical Center and St. Vincent's Health Services, which is a member of Ascension Health. She is a hands-on leader who has been known to pitch in by donning her scrubs and working with her staff. Her considerable experience in nursing gives her a unique perspective as she puts her focus on patient care and developing programs that respond to the needs of the community.

Susan has set high expectation for members of the Medical Staff and held them accountable, because she has implemented a "trust" relationship that she backs up by her own actions. Dr. Davis has presided over the opening of the region's most advanced Operating Suites and Intensive Care Units and has launched the most ambitious technology upgrade in the Medical Center's history, including new clinical and diagnostic technology and record-keeping system.

Under Dr. Davis's leadership, St. Vincent's has embarked on a new \$141 million Master Facility Plan, which includes a multi-year expansion effort to "build on the tradition of trust." Phase one of the project, which is due to be completed in 2009, includes development of a new Cancer Center, expanded Emergency Department and new parking facility.

Dr. Davis has received both local and national recognition for her commitment to the community and to volunteerism. Throughout her career, she has been actively involved in the United Way, Hospice, and the American Cancer Society, Visiting Nurse Association and has been recognized for her service in New York State and Connecticut. Her commitment to patient safety and excellence has made her a change agent at St. Vincent's and within the healthcare industry.

Since coming to St. Vincent's Medical Center, Dr. Davis has called for transparency in identifying and reporting on all areas related to patient care. Results of St. Vincent's outcomes in patient satisfaction, quality indicators, CMS critical standards are all now reported by St. Vincent's both internally and externally.

Dr. Davis received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Mt. Saint Mary College, Newburgh, NY, her Master of Arts in Nursing Administration and Doctorate of Education from Columbia University with an emphasis in management. She is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.



Dr. Davis and SEE Trustees after her *Ethics in Action* Award Keynote, May 6, 2009.