



John M. Carethers, MD

Vice chancellor for Health Sciences, USA

He's the vice chancellor for Health Sciences at UC San Diego.

The Michigan-born gastroenterologist has largely split his career between the Midwest and Southern California, including a stint as a professor in the Division of Gastroenterology at UC San Diego School of Medicine. He returns 13 years later to lead the growing academic and clinical enterprise.

As vice chancellor, Carethers will drive the overarching strategy for all of Health Sciences, fostering research collaborations, expanding the health care system, enhancing educational opportunities and bolstering philanthropic support. His collaborative approach and modern point of view are well suited to UC San Diego's vision and pursuit of innovation.

A quick scan of his CV makes the following clear: Carethers is endlessly hardworking, disciplined, curious, courageous and always challenging himself and his field to be the best.

But talk to his peers and another theme emerges: Carethers is a people person. He knows names and faces. He visits clinical sites and faculty offices. His door is open and he is generous with his time.

"He makes you feel like you're the only person in the room," said Thomas J. Savides, MD, chief of the Division of Gastroenterology at UC San Diego School of Medicine. "John has this rare combination of extreme intelligence, integrity and warmth that makes him a unique leader. You can't help but want to be more like him."

These features go beyond personality. They are fundamental to Carethers' approach to leadership. It's what propelled him through the ranks during his initial 15 years at UC San Diego, and guided his recent 13-year tenure as chair of the Department of Internal Medicine at University of Michigan Medical School.



"In order to lead, you first have to listen," said Carethers. "You have to understand the issues and gain people's trust."

In the next few months, Carethers aims to do just that. While getting to know the new schools, buildings, faculty and staff, he'll gather ideas for the collective vision of Health Sciences.

"No one person can fix every issue," he said, "but I will certainly listen and try."

CV highlights

- Carethers is UC San Diego's eighth vice chancellor for Health Sciences.
- Previously served as the C. Richard Boland Distinguished University Professor, the John G. Searle Professor and chair of the Department of Internal Medicine at University of Michigan from 2009-2022.
- Received his MD from Wayne State University School of Medicine in 1989.
- Completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital in 1992 and his gastroenterology fellowship at University of Michigan in 1995.
- Published roughly 300 peer-reviewed papers.
- Elected to the National Academy of Medicine and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; president of the American Association of Physicians.