

**Michelle Gittler, M.D.**  
**Medical Director**  
**Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital**  
**Chicago, Illinois**

Michelle Gittler, M.D., became medical director of Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital in January 2016. She has been with Schwab for more than 23 years, where she became an expert in working with individuals who sustained violently acquired disabilities. Dr. Gittler has been on the forefront of promoting the concept of firearm violence as a public health issue. She has also been the program director of Schwab's residency program for over 20 years.

Dr. Gittler has chaired the medical education committee for the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPMR), and now serves as a member of AAPMR's board of governors.

A graduate of University of Michigan with a degree in engineering and history, Dr. Gittler attended medical school at University of Illinois where she graduated as a James Scholar. She completed her residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation at Northwestern/Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. Board certified in physical medicine and rehabilitation as well as in spinal cord injury medicine, Dr. Gittler is currently an associate professor of surgery at the University of Chicago.

**Ken Bowman**  
**CEO**  
**Van Matre HealthSouth Rehab Hospital**  
**Rockford, IL**

Ken Bowman has over twenty years of progressive leadership and administrative experience in a major academic medical center as well as in acute freestanding rehabilitation hospitals. He started his healthcare administrative career at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois as the Senior Organ Transplant Procurement Coordinator, earning his National Certification for Organ Procurement and Transplantation – CPTC, in 1993. Ken has also served as Vice President of Business Develop at Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital and Executive Director of Rehabilitation Services at The Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago.

Ken Bowman received his Illinois Nursing Home Administration License in 1994 and served as Facility Administrator for HCR Manor Care Health Services, Naperville, Illinois. During this time, Ken also published the Resources Manual For The Licensure Examination For Nursing Home Administrators. In 1996, Ken opened the first rehabilitation outpatient clinic within a long-term care facility in the state of Illinois with Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital and Rest Haven Christian Services.

Ken Bowman has also represented the State of Illinois on Capital Hill as an Illinois Delegate with the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, Washington, DC. Ken continues to lecture at national conferences on key topics and challenges within the delivery of healthcare services. He received his undergrad and graduate degree from Governors State University, University Park, Illinois, where he has served as an Adjunct Professor in the College of Health Professions – Division of Health Administration.