

Andrew Sama, CEO

Dr. Andrew Sama serves as the founding Chief Executive Officer of Progressive Emergency Physicians. Progressive provides its hospital clients with healthcare administration, management, staffing, and consulting services. Progressive focuses on the provision of high quality, patient-centered care and productive collaboration with its hospital and health care system partners. Dr. Sama and the Progressive leadership have assembled a team of highly talented physicians and mid-level providers to provide Progressive's patients with the highest quality and excellence in emergency medicine, observation care services, and urgent care center development and operation. Prior to serving as the CEO of Progressive, Dr. Sama was primarily affiliated with the North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System. He initiated the Department of Emergency Medicine at North Shore University Hospital and assisted in the creation of the North Shore Long Island Jewish Emergency Medicine Service Line in which Dr. Sama led over 300 physicians, fellows, and residents at 16 locations. The EM Service Line achieved measured improvements in quality, safety, patient satisfaction, and market share continuously over two decades. The EM program has been recognized nationally for its financial and operational performance, educational program development and excellence, and a research program with private, industry, and government funding. During his tenure with the North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System, Dr. Sama was the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the North Shore Long Island Jewish Medical Group. Under Dr. Sama's leadership, the multispecialty group expanded from a 750-physician member group with \$350 million budget to team of 2,200 physicians and a budget exceeding \$1.2 billion in 2014. The NSLIJ Medical Group (currently Northwell Physician Partners) received the Malcolm Baldrige Partners in Performance Excellence Silver Award in January of 2013 and continues to be a dominant multispecialty group in the New York metropolitan area. Dr. Sama received his undergraduate degree from Columbia College at the Columbia University in New York City and his medical degree from Cornell University Medical College. Dr. Sama has been an ACEP member for more than 30 years. In October 2007, he was elected to the Board of Directors of National ACEP, and re-elected in 2010. He served as the Secretary-Treasurer of ACEP from 2009-2010, Vice President from 2010-2011, President-elect from 2011-2012, President from 2012-2013 and Chairman of the Board from 2013-2014. He is currently a member of the Cost Effective Care Taskforce and the Emergency Medicine Action Fund Taskforce.