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Fred M. Jacobs, M.D., J.D. is an Executive Vice President for the Saint Barnabas Health Care System and Director of the Saint Barnabas Quality Institute. He is the former Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services appointed by Acting Governor Richard J. Codey in December 2004 and reappointed by Governor Jon S. Corzine in 2006. Among many initiatives taken by Dr. Jacobs during his tenure as Commissioner was an important role in the enactment of the New Jersey Smoke Free Air Act signed by Governor Codey in January 2006. He also led major statewide initiatives for management of childhood asthma, diabetes and childhood obesity as well as avoidance of second hand smoke exposure by children in homes and cars.

Dr. Jacobs was appointed to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners by Governor Thomas Kean in 1989 and was reappointed by Governor James Florio in 1993. He served as President of the Board from 1993 to 1995.

Dr. Jacobs received his bachelor's degree from Colgate University and his MD Degree from the University of Miami School of Medicine where he was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. He trained in internal medicine at Maimonides Medical Center and Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City and completed a pulmonary research fellowship at the University of California, San Francisco Medical Center and a Chief Residency in pulmonary disease at Kings County Hospital Center in New York. He is Board Certified in both Internal Medicine and Pulmonary Disease. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, the American College of Chest Physicians and the American College of Legal Medicine. He has served as Governor for New Jersey of the New Jersey Chapter of the American College of Chest Physicians and has been President of the American Lung Association of New Jersey, New Jersey Thoracic Society and the New Jersey Chapter of the American College of Chest Physicians.

In 1969, he joined the staff at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in New Jersey where he has been Chief of Pulmonary Disease, Medical Director of the Intensive Care Unit and was elected President of the Medical Staff in 1987. Subsequently, he became Senior Vice President for Medical Affairs at Saint Barnabas Medical Center, and later, Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs for the Saint Barnabas Health Care System.

Dr. Jacobs has also held many faculty positions, including Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New Jersey Medical School. In 1990, Dr. Jacobs graduated from Rutgers University School of Law in Newark, New Jersey and is admitted to the Bar of the States of New Jersey and Florida. Among the honors and awards received by Dr. Jacobs are the University Medal for Distinguished Leadership of the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey and the Peter W. Rodino, Jr. Citizens Award of the Edward J. III Excellence in Medicine Foundation.