David is President/CEO of Lafayette General Medical Center, a four-hospital health system in Lafayette, LA. Since his arrival in July 2008, Callecod has led Lafayette General to rapid improvement in both patient satisfaction and quality measurement. In 2009, Lafayette General was the recipient of the HealthGrades™ Service Excellence Award for both Patient Safety and Spine Surgery. Also that year, LGMC was awarded the Times of Acadiana “Best Hospital” and “Best Emergency Department”, as well as the prestigious “Consumer Choice Award” from the National Research Corporation. More awards followed in 2010 and 2011 including: “Consumer Choice Award” for 2010/2011, recognizing top overall quality, image/reputation, doctors, and nurses; HealthGrades Orthopedic Excellence Award 2010 and 2011, as well as, Prostatectomy Surgery Excellence Award 2010 and 2011, which ranks LGMC among the top 10% in the nation for those services, and the HealthGrades Gastrointestinal Surgery Excellence Award (2008-2010), ranking Lafayette General #1 in Louisiana.

The hospital’s ‘Journey to Excellence’ was noted by StuderGroup as a recipient of Excellence in Patient Care for Physicians, the most Improved Hospital in Patient Satisfaction and, most recently as the Healthcare Organization of the Month for July 2011. Patient satisfaction has risen steadily, resulting in Press Ganey’s Top Improver Award for Emergency Departments to Lafayette General and our most recent milestone accomplishment—reaching the 99th percentile for inpatient satisfaction scores in June & July 2011.

This October, Callecod was inducted into the Studer Hall of Fame at the International What’s Right in Healthcare Conference in Chicago, IL. David was selected because of his ability to keep the true spirit of an organization alive and flourishing while achieving phenomenal results in short spans of time. He is recognized as a person who ignites the flames of passion while guiding and supporting an organization’s commitment to excellence.

Callecod received his BA from Wabash College in 1989 and his MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University in 1994. Callecod began his career in 1989 at AMI Culver Union Hospital in Crawfordsville, Indiana. He then served as CEO of two hospitals in Tenet Healthcare from 1999-2003 in Indianapolis, IN and Searcy, Arkansas. In 2003, he joined Marion General Hospital in Marion, IN as President/CEO. He led the hospital to record patient satisfaction and quality measures as well as Top 100 Hospital Awards for 2007 and 2008. The hospital also received several HealthGrades Five-Star awards during his tenure and Magnet Hospital Status in 2008.

Callecod received the 2005 Regent's Award from the American College of Healthcare Executives and was a 40underForty award winner from the Indianapolis Business Journal in 2001. He also was honored with the 2007 Distinguished Alumnus and 2001 Outstanding Achievement Award in Business from Indiana Wesleyan University. He is very active on many boards, including the Louisiana Hospital Association, Blueprint Louisiana, LABI, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Foundation and Acadiana Outreach.