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Rick is a senior executive with experience in both the Canadian and American public and private sectors.

Rick specializes in strategic organization revitalization, governance, stakeholder management, complex systems thinking, and executional excellence within healthcare, population health, and consumer-centric organizations. He is currently the president and CEO of Diabetes Canada, a national health charity, and the past CEO of the Wellesley Institute, a national applied research and policy think tank focused on advancing population health. Rick is an adjunct professor at the University of Toronto, a fellow of MaRS-Social Innovation Generation, and was latterly a president of RONA Retail, Wal-Mart FJ USA, Dylex- BW Stores, and Peoples Jewellers amongst others. Rick is a director and past chair of Imperial Manufacturing Group, board treasurer of Regis College at the University of Toronto, a director of World Presidents Organization: Ontario Chapter, director and past treasurer of the Harvard Club of Toronto. He is a past director of the Toronto Central LHIN, past chair of Centennial College's Centre for Applied Research and Innovation, past governor of the Canadian Centre for Diversity, and a past director of the Toronto Board of Trade where he now contributes to city building as a member of its Policy and Advocacy Committee. Rick is a graduate of the joint Non-Profit Management Certificate program at the Harvard Business and Kennedy Schools, and has an MBA from the University of Toronto, a B. Comm. from Carleton University, and is an alumnus of Bishop's College School.

Corporate Leadership, Program Development, Fund-Raising, Non-Profit/Charitable

Strategic Planning, Volunteer Management, Public Speaking, Policy Development, Community Outreach, Program Management, Entrepreneurship, Diabetes

Toronto Central LHIN : Board Member, Young Presidents / World Presidents Organization : Board Member, Toronto Region Board of Trade : Policy and Advocacy Committee, Member, University of Toronto : Adjunct Professor, MaRS : Fellow of the Social Innovation Generation

Invited Speaker

Innovation in Diabetes Care: 90 Years and Beyond

Harvard Business School

Certification Executive Development, Non-Profit Management

University of Toronto - Rotman School of Management

MBA. Marketing and Finance

Carleton University

B.Com. (Hons.) Economics

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