



## AMERICA'S ESSENTIAL HOSPITALS

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CCHS is a comprehensive public health system in the San Francisco Bay area with a 166-bed hospital (Contra Costa Regional Medical Center), 10 community health centers, 4,000 employees, and a \$1 billion annual budget. The system includes the divisions of hospital and health centers, behavioral health, public health, environmental health, hazardous materials, and emergency medical services, in addition to the Contra Costa Health Plan. Walker has served CCHS for 40 years, beginning as staff physician in 1974. Under his leadership, CCHS has been widely recognized for developing an integrated health system at the forefront of implementing health reform. Walker is chair of America's Essential Hospitals' board of directors.

Walker is passionate about addressing disparities in health and health care and has championed many community efforts to address these issues. He earned a medical degree from the University of Colorado School of Medicine.