

Chancellor's Biography

Francisco G. Cigarroa, M.D., was appointed the 10th chancellor of The University of Texas System by the UT System Board of Regents on Jan. 9, 2009. He began his service as the UT System's chief administrative officer on Feb. 2, 2009. As chancellor, Dr. Cigarroa oversees one of the largest public systems of higher education in the nation, with nine universities and six health institutions, an annual operating budget of \$11.9 billion (FY 2010), including \$2.5 billion in sponsored programs funded by federal, state, local and private sources, and more than 202,000 students and 84,000 employees. Dr. Cigarroa also serves as vice chairman for policy on the Board of Directors of The University of Texas Investment Management Co. (UTIMCO).



A nationally renowned pediatric and transplant surgeon, Dr. Cigarroa served as president of the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio from 2000 until his appointment as chancellor.

A native of Laredo, Dr. Cigarroa earned a bachelor's degree from Yale and received his medical degree from The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. During his 12 years of postgraduate training, Dr. Cigarroa was chief resident at Harvard's teaching hospital, Massachusetts General in Boston, and completed a fellowship at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

In 1995, he joined the faculty of the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio and, in October, 2000, was appointed its third president. Immediately prior to his appointment as president, he served as director of pediatric surgery. In 2003, President George W. Bush appointed him to serve as a member of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science.

A member of the prestigious Institute of Medicine of The National Academies, Dr. Cigarroa is a Fellow of the American College of Surgery and a Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and has received a certificate in pediatric surgery from the American Board of Surgery. He is a member of the Yale University Council and was most recently elected in June 2010 to serve as an Alumni Fellow to The Yale Corporation, the university's governing board.

He and his wife, Graciela, an attorney, have two grown daughters, Maria Cristina and Barbara Carisa.