

Dr. Rick Snyder is a board-certified cardiologist, certified in both cardiovascular disease and interventional cardiology. He serves as President of HeartPlace and Chief Physician Executive for US Heart & Vascular (USHV), where he leads physician engagement and other key priorities. Raised in the Dallas area, he developed an early interest in healthcare working as an anesthesia technician during high school and college. He joined HeartPlace in 1996, opening the practice's Medical City satellite office that same year. Though trained as an interventionist, he has built his career around delivering high-quality preventive care alongside acute intervention. A nationally recognized physician advocate, Dr. Snyder believes physicians can shape patient care as much through work in boardrooms, legislative chambers, and regulatory offices as through exam rooms and operating rooms.

Dr. Snyder's leadership record spans both institutional and organized medicine: he is a former president of the medical staff and Board of Trustees member at Medical City Dallas; served three years on the American College of Cardiology's Board of Governors; and as President of its Texas Chapter, led the Dallas County Medical Society as President in 2012; he spent seven years on the Dallas County Health and Human Services Public Health Advisory Council. He recently completed his 2023–2024 term as President of the Texas Medical Association, representing 60,000 members statewide. He currently serves as Vice President of the American Independent Medical Practice Association (AIMPA) and Chairman of the Board of ASPEN Specialty Physician Independent Network. Dr. Snyder graduated in 1983 from the University of Notre Dame and L'Université Catholique de l'Ouest in Angers, France. Outside of work, he enjoys time with his wife Shelley, also a cardiologist at HeartPlace, and their five children, and remains an avid Notre Dame and Dallas Stars fan.