

David Thomas

David Thomas is Vice President for TELUS Health Solutions in Ontario, and responsible for their health activity in the province. He has more than twenty years of experience in the Health Care industry spanning both the public and private sectors, and in several portfolios including operations, project leadership, and strategic advisor. Prior to TELUS, David held senior positions across several healthcare sectors including consulting, the Ministry of Health, in multinational private homecare corporations, and at several public teaching hospitals. He has held a variety of positions whereby he has provided strategic marketing, business development, and senior leadership to multi site and acute care teaching organizations. His roles have included development of both organizational and IT strategic plans, and the management of large multimillion dollar projects and operational budgets.

He has successfully provided strategic visioning to senior executives on public private partnership activity, managed his own home care nursing services company, directed the development of a population based Inner City health initiative in Toronto and has been active in restructuring and governance of health services within healthcare organizations and regions from several vantage points.

He has to his academic credit a Master of Health Sciences in Health Administration from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto and a Bachelor of Science with Distinction from McGill University.

He has also completed a Certification Course from Harvard Law School in an Executive Program in Negotiation and rounded out his business background with a number of post graduate economics courses.

David remains an active volunteer in the health and education sectors, with experience at governance restructuring activity and strategy work on behalf of several Ontario private schools, and the Faculty of Medicine's Program in Health Policy and Evaluation. He is an active Board member of the Kids Health Link Foundation, a Foundation whose purpose is to use technology to alleviate the stress, isolation and loneliness of children in medical care: and keep them connected to their family, friends and school community.

About Kids' Health Links Foundation

Kids' Health Links Foundation is a registered Canadian charity that, through the use of technology, helps young hospital patients stay connected to their family, friends and school. It has developed the private Upopolis online community in partnership with TELUS and McMaster Children's Hospital. Find out more at www.kidshealthlinks.org

