



George Barrett is a nationally recognized healthcare industry leader, with a distinguished career as an executive in global corporations. As the founder of The Overtone Group, he advises companies and nonprofit organizations, mentors senior executives, teaches our next generation of leaders, advises on public policy, and is a frequent speaker on leadership and healthcare.

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Barrett served as chairman and CEO of Cardinal Health, a Fortune 20 multi-national healthcare services and products company, for nearly a decade, ending in November 2018. Under his tenure, Cardinal Health was recognized as one of Fortune's World's Most Admired Companies, Forbes America's Best Employers, and received numerous awards for its public health, corporate social responsibility, and philanthropic initiatives.

Prior to Cardinal Health, Barrett held senior positions, including president, at multiple global pharmaceutical companies. He previously served on the boards of the Fourth District of the Federal Reserve Bank and Eaton Corporation, and as a member of President Obama's White House Business Council.

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