

Lance Thorkild Wersland, MBA, MSHA

Lance Wersland is an accomplished healthcare executive with extensive financial and operations experience. Lance is currently the CEO of Strategic Health Partners and MAK Anesthesia—an Atlanta-based healthcare company specializing in anesthesia and perioperative services.

Lance was born of a Norwegian immigrant father and a pioneer-descendant mother in Salt Lake City, Utah. He spent two years abroad on a mission trip to Brazil at age 19 and subsequently graduated from Westminster College in Salt Lake City with a bachelors degree in business management, concentrated in finance. He went on to earn dual masters degrees in business (MBA) and healthcare (MSHA) administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

After graduate school, Lance was commissioned as an officer in the United States Navy Medical Services Corps working as a healthcare administrator. He earned a sub-specialty in finance and logistics management and worked as a comptroller (controller) in four different Navy clinics and hospitals, with tours in Camp Lejeune, NC; Oak Harbor, WA; Guam; and Pensacola, FL. During his time with the Navy, Lance combined his financial acumen with Lean Six Sigma Black Belt training to lead and support various improvements in the healthcare financial management system. His contributions earned him recognition as Navy Medicine's Comptroller of the Year, as well as the Secretary of the Navy's Comptroller of the Year.

In 2017, Lance transitioned from Navy Medicine to the private sector and moved his family to Atlanta, joining MAK Anesthesia as the group's CFO and administrator. Since that time, the company has experienced significant growth and service expansion, and is now one of the largest private anesthesia groups in the Atlanta area—serving multiple hospitals and ASCs. Lance has also overseen expansion of perioperative surgical home and outsourced PAT services lines, as well as consulting to national and regional healthcare systems. He became the CEO in 2022, just prior to leading the company through a transaction, selling 100% to the employees through an Employee Stock Ownership Program (ESOP).