

JOHN BAKER CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER

MARQUIS COMPANIES/CONSONUS HEALTHCARE

John Baker's career in information technology started with fax machines, dial-up modems and simply trying to convince people that email was here to stay. Today, as Chief Technology Officer for Marquis and Consonus, things are considerably more complicated. His daily challenges include organizing and securing vast amounts of data, choosing the right technology to support the organization's vision and execution, and strategizing for the future of a profession in constant change.

After serving in technology management positions in software, accounting and pharmaceuticals, John joined Marquis in 2000. He's grown from managing a small group of IT support staff to now leading and implementing technology initiatives in all business lines and locations nationwide, including pharmacy, rehab, home health and home care, and the company's senior care facilities.

Other areas of responsibility range from IT infrastructure and data warehousing to business operating systems, process automation and software integrations. Under his leadership, a custom application was developed to support and track Consonus Pharmacy's critical COVID-19 multi-state vaccination effort, and his development team has also created an internal pharmacy operating system. "It's exciting to be able to design, build and implement custom technology solutions to complex health care challenges," he says.

John grew up in California's Bay Area, and graduated from Oregon State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business and a focus on information systems management. He's an active volunteer with the Vital Life Foundation, the American Lung Association and the American Heart Association, and participates in fundraising events that allow him to cycle for charity. Along with cycling, he also enjoys skiing, boating and snowboarding.

