

BIOGRAPHY — GARY MAHARAJ

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President and Chief Executive Officer

Gary Maharaj was appointed president and chief executive officer of Arizant Inc. on May 1, 2006. He joined the company in April 1996 as the Manager of Research and Development. In November 1996, he was appointed Vice President of Research & Development, and then added the responsibilities of Vice President of Marketing in October 2001.



As the Vice President of Research & Development and Marketing, Maharaj had ultimate responsibility for the development and growth of the company's primary product lines: Bair Hugger® therapy forced-air warming blankets, the Ranger® blood /fluid warming system, and most recently, the Bair Paws® patient adjustable warming system. Each of these products has become a leader in its respective category and has contributed significantly to Arizant's growth and competitive strength in worldwide patient temperature management.

During his 18 years in the healthcare industry, Maharaj has served as Vice President of Philip Adam and Associates, a product development management consulting firm, and in various management and research positions for the orthopedic implant and rehabilitation divisions of Smith & Nephew, PLC.

Maharaj earned a bachelor's degree in physics from the University of the West Indies-Trinidad and Tobago, and a master's degree in biomedical engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. He also holds an MBA from the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management.

Maharaj is the author of numerous technical articles on medical devices and holds nineteen patents in eight countries (including the U.S.), all in the medical device field.

Maharaj resides in Eden Prairie, Minn., with his wife, son and two daughters.