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Dr. Hamby is a native of Atlanta Georgia. After attending College and Medical School at Emory University, he successfully completed a residency in general surgery at the University of Kentucky. He was in private practice in General Surgery in Dothan, Alabama where he served as Chairman of Surgery and Trauma Medical Director.

He is board certified in General Surgery and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. While in practice, he completed his Masters of Healthcare Administration at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. Dr Hamby left private practice to complete a post-graduate fellowship in the Department of Veterans Affairs as a VA Quality Scholar. After his fellowship, he served as the Quality Management Officer for the Southeast Region (VISN 7) of the VA Healthcare System in Atlanta. He has been with Piedmont since 2001 and is EVP and Chief Quality Officer.

Dr Hamby is an Associate Professor at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University where he teaches quality improvement methodology. Dr Hamby has published more than 30 articles in peer-reviewed journals and written two book chapters. He has served as an Examiner with the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality award since 2003. He has given over 100 invited presentations on Patient Safety and Quality both regionally and nationally.