

Chris Macko  
Senior Vice President, Operations

Chris Macko joined Siemens Hearing Instruments, Inc. (SHI) as Head of Operations in 2007. He is responsible for all of SHI's Manufacturing, Logistics, Purchasing and Planning, IT., Regulatory Affairs and Quality Assurance functions.

Chris has over 25 years of varied and progressive leadership experience covering R&D as well as Operations roles with P&L responsibility. Prior to joining SHI, Chris served as Vice President of Worldwide R&D for Siemens Diagnostics (six years with Bayer Corp. prior to the Siemens acquisition). While there, he headed a global organization that innovated, developed, and released over 17 new FDA-approved products to the marketplace. He was instrumental in setting strategy and driving the organization to achieve these goals. In 2004 he received the President's Leadership Award for performance results that turned the company around and later made it one of the fastest growing large in-vitro diagnostic businesses in the world.

Prior to Siemens, Chris headed up Schaiapparelli Biosystems, Inc. where, as COO, he had full P&L responsibility for this global manufacturer of medical device products. Here he successfully executed a turnaround strategy and brought the company to profitable growth after years of financial losses. His career also includes starting up and running R&D and Operations from the ground up for Bio-Rad Laboratories, a California-based Healthcare and Life Sciences company, and was later promoted to Business Unit Head for one of its larger healthcare businesses.

Chris graduated from Manhattan College with a Bachelor's degree in Engineering, and graduated with honors from Saint Mary's College of California with an Executive MBA.