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## Meet Jared Leger, CEO of Arise Healthcare

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Entrepreneurship is in Jared Leger's blood. He remembers charging a quarter as a boy to haul neighbor's garbage cans to the road and back on trash day. He would also propagate plants from his yard to sell — and by the time he was old enough to mow grass, he was recruiting friends to help.

It was an aptitude test in school that steered him into the medical field but real life experience brought him to his current role as CEO and managing partner of Arise Healthcare.

Originally on the pre-med track, Leger says he opted for speed and switched to nursing — a degree he almost didn't finish when he was recruited to sell pain pumps and the money began to flow.

After growing the sales and distribution business to include spinal medical devices, the partners sold their rights back to the company that would eventually become Spinal Concepts. From there, Leger co-founded Stonegate Surgery Center 2006, which he later sold, pumping the funds into his latest venture, Arise Healthcare, which owns and manages physician-led health care facilities and has been on ABJ's Fast 50 rankings in 2013 and 2014.

Leger credits his parents for making him finish nursing school but credits his grandmother Delores' strong entrepreneurial influence that kept him focused on a goal to have a career that combined his passion for business and health care.

**How did someone so young and green start a business like Stonegate Surgery Center?** I had my business partner Dr. Rob Wills with me, so he mentored me for sure.

**How did you come by your business acumen?** I learned through trial and error and lots of self-directed learning. I also joined every industry association that I could, read every industry related



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**Jared Leger Title:** CEO, managing partner, Arise Healthcare **Age:** 34 **Education:** McNeese State University, Nursing degree, 2002 **Hometown:** Sulphur, Louisiana. Eldest of 3 boys **How long lived in Austin:** 13 years **Family:** Wife Jennifer, married 13 years; children Julie, 8, Jana, 7, Jill, 5 **Pets:** Homer, dachshund **Phone:** 512-220-3890 **Email:** JaredL@arisehealthcare.com

publication I could and attended every industry meeting that I could.

**Many entrepreneurs are starters but then hand over the reins to someone else, is that something you've contemplated?** Yes, I've thought about handing the reins over to another person to run [and be CEO of] the Arise Central Texas Healthcare System. The best seat on the bus for me is to be a developer and builder of businesses/revenue streams.

**Is Arise an acquisition target or have you considered an IPO?** I do believe Arise may be an acquisition target at some point. No plan to go IPO. Our game plan for the future includes growing our services as Austin grows. In order to do this we will need large amounts capital. I believe securing a meaningful capital partner could be in our future.

**What's the biggest challenge you faced as CEO/owner?** Growing an executive team to handle the explosive growth of our company. Going from 30 to 400 employees in less than three years.

**What's the best lesson you learned the hard way?** Go with your gut. If a deal or situation feels awry, it probably is.

**In the business world, what could you be better at?** Managing my time better. It's my New Year's resolution.

**What did you want to be when you grew up?** Entrepreneur. I always knew I wanted to control my own destiny and make my own schedule.

**What was your first job with a paycheck?** Worked at a car wash.

**Do have any hobbies?** I enjoy the outdoors. I love to hunt and fish and travel.

**What's one of your weaknesses?** Sometimes I have a tough time saying no.

**Are you deep into social networks such as Facebook or Twitter?** No, I would be if I had more time.

**What's your most prized possession?** My great grandfather's cuff links. I still wear them.

**Who would you most like to meet and why?** My great grandfather. He passed away when I was just a baby. I heard he was a professional gambler and a serial entrepreneur.

**What was the last book you read?"**Killing Patton." I read most every book recommended in Journal Profile.

**What has been a defining moment/event in your life?** Having children. I remember what my life was like before Arise. I don't remember life before kids.

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