



San Diego Regional Market Study

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Speaker Biographies

Parag Agnihotri, MD, serves as the chief medical officer, Population Health Services Organization, UC San Diego Health. His work focuses on reforming the delivery of health care by building multidisciplinary teams to implement the “three-part aim” for improving the health of the population. His role is to lead and support structure for value-based programs established by UC San Diego Health. As a practicing physician in the Division of Geriatrics, he also leads the post-acute-care strategy and teams serving distinct patient populations. As a senior leader, he also works with the UC San Diego Health executive team as a key decisionmaker and in a functional support role to set goals and priorities of the Clinically Integrated Network. Agnihotri is a California Health Care Foundation Fellow. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) has designated him as an innovation advisor. He is board-certified in internal medicine and geriatric medicine.

Luke Bergmann, PhD, is the director of behavioral health services for the County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency. Prior to this position, Bergmann worked for nine years in New York City. He most recently served as assistant vice president over behavioral health at NYC Health + Hospitals, the nation’s largest public hospital system, and before that, as director of the Office of Program and Policy in the Bureau of Alcohol and Drugs at the NYC Department of Health. Bergmann has also held a variety of academic research and faculty positions, including at Oregon Health and Science University, the University of Michigan, and the City University of New York. Bergmann was trained at the University of Michigan, where he earned a PhD in social work and cultural anthropology. He completed postdoctoral fellowships at UC San Francisco’s Institute for Health Policy and UC Berkeley’s School of Public Health.

Caroline Davis, MPP, is a recognized health policy expert with over 20 years of experience in health care financing, policy development, and implementation at the federal, state, and local levels, with an emphasis on Medicaid, Medicare, and programs for the uninsured. She has extensive experience with California’s health programs for low-income populations, especially the state’s Medicaid program (Medi-Cal). She is currently an independent consultant working with health care–related organizations focused on improving care for vulnerable and safety-net populations. From 2014–18, Davis was the senior policy director for the Local Health Plans of

California (LHPC). In this role, she provided leadership and strategic direction to identify policy and advocacy positions for California's 16 locally based health plans as well as analysis of the operational impacts of Medi-Cal legislative and regulatory proposals.

Prior to joining LHPC, Davis was a senior consultant at Health Management Associates (HMA), where she worked with public agencies, health plans, and foundations on a range of Medicaid and health reform–related issues. Prior to joining HMA, she founded and served as the senior operations manager for the California-based Center to Promote HealthCare Access — now known as Alluma — and as a program officer with the California Health Care Foundation. Davis also has served on the senior staff of California's Medi-Cal program, where she worked on a variety of policy, financing, reimbursement, and operational issues. She started her career in Washington, DC, as the lead Medicare analyst at the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Davis earned her bachelor's degree in political science (cum laude) from Carleton College and her master's degree in public policy from Duke University.

Anil N. Keswani, MD, is the corporate senior vice president and chief medical officer for ambulatory and accountable care at Scripps Health and for Scripps Health Plan Services, a wholly owned, nonprofit managed care organization. Keswani's role at Scripps is diverse, with his responsibilities including ambulatory services, Scripps-affiliated medical groups, seven major clinical service lines, post-acute care, population health management, executive health, and value-based care, including managed care and ACOs. Keswani came to Scripps in 2012 with a focus on ambulatory, primary, and post-acute care. His work on population health, care navigation, primary care redesign, and expanded patient access through retail and telehealth options helped set the tone for the way care is delivered at Scripps today. Keswani's new priorities are closely aligned with Scripps' continued regional growth and emphasis on an exceptional patient health care experience.

Before coming to Scripps, Keswani served as system vice president of medical management at Advocate Health Care and was chief medical officer for Dreyer Medical Clinic in Aurora, Illinois. He attended medical school at Boston University and is a graduate of the honors accelerated BA/MD six-year medical program.

Kristof Stremikis, MPP, MPH, is director of the California Health Care Foundation's Market Analysis and Insight team, which promotes greater transparency and accountability in California's health care system. He oversees the foundation's work to provide research and analysis to policymakers and other health leaders across the state to give a market-wide view of the complex health care ecosystem and to support informed decisions about California's health care landscape.

Stremikis previously served as associate director for policy at the Pacific Business Group on Health, where he also oversaw the Purchaser Value Network. Earlier, he spent six years at the Commonwealth Fund as senior researcher to the president. He received a bachelor's degree in economics, political science, and history from the University of Wisconsin–Madison; a master's degree in public policy from UC Berkeley; and a master's degree in health policy and management from Columbia University.

Vernita Todd, MBA, joined San Ysidro Health (SYH) in 2019 as vice president and chief strategy officer. In this role, she leads SYH in identifying, aligning, and executing strategic opportunities for growth and development, as well as formalizing the company's strategic planning process. Before joining SYH, Todd was the chief experience officer for Health Center Partners of Southern California, a consortium of 17 Federally Qualified Health Centers.

Todd is a lifetime member of National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) and has been honored twice by the national association. Previously, Todd served 10 years as CEO of the Heart City Health Center in Elkhart, Indiana. She is the president and founder of the Human Capital Group, which works with nonprofit organizations in strategic planning and change management. She is currently the chair of Health Outreach Partners (in Oakland) and a member of the health policy and legislative committees for NACHC. Todd has a bachelor's degree in psychology, and master's degrees in business administration and in organizational communication and behavior. Todd is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.