



AI and Health Care: Good or Bad for Health Equity in California?

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Speaker Biographies

Kara Carter, MBA, MSc, is senior vice president of strategy and programs at the California Health Care Foundation, where she develops strategies, provides overall guidance, and leads the program teams in the development, execution, and assessment of CHCF's work. In this role, Carter provides thought leadership and support to CHCF's grantmaking programs and priorities, as well as CHCF's program-related investments and its learning and impact functions.

Before joining CHCF, Carter was a partner at McKinsey & Company's San Francisco and London offices. She was a leader in McKinsey's Medicaid practice in the US, and supported public and private sector health systems in the US, UK, and Europe to improve quality, access, and affordability.

Before joining McKinsey, Carter worked for UK-based philanthropic institutions on a broad range of topics related to poverty and community action. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia, a master's in social anthropology from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and a master's in business administration from the London Business School. Carter currently serves on the UC Davis Health National Advisory Board.

Susan P. Ehrlich, MD, MPP, is the chief executive officer of the Priscilla Chan and Mark Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center and a professor of medicine with the University of California, San Francisco. Before her appointment at ZSFG, Ehrlich served as the chief executive officer, chief medical officer, vice president of ambulatory care services, and founding medical director of the Ron Robinson Senior Care Center and assistant health officer for the San Mateo County Health System.

Ehrlich also has extensive background and knowledge of public health policy and finance at all levels of government, having served as budget and planning director for the San Francisco Department of Public Health and a health care analyst within the California State Legislative Analyst's Office. She is a Lean-certified physician executive with extensive expertise leading and transforming public health care organizations serving diverse and vulnerable populations.

During 2019, she led ZSFG's Epic go-live and, beginning in early 2020, its response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ehrlich received her BA in public policy studies from Duke University, her master's degree in public policy from the Goldman School of Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley, and her MD from the University of California, San Francisco. She is board-certified in internal medicine and completed her primary care internal medicine residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital, a Harvard University–affiliated training hospital. She previously served as the chair of the board for the California Association of Public Hospitals, and chair of the board for America's Essential Hospitals. She currently is a trustee for the California Hospital Association. Also, she is devoted to serving patients directly and continues to practice primary care internal medicine at the Richard Fine People's Clinic on the ZSFG campus.

Mark Ghaly, MD, MPH, was appointed secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency in early 2019 by Governor Gavin Newsom. In serving California, Ghaly has the privilege of working with partners across sectors and disciplines to improve the lives and life chances of all Californians. This has been especially true during CalHHS's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ghaly is a primary care pediatrician who continues to use his clinical and community experiences, working in California's health care safety-net system, to inform a whole-person, whole-community approach to integrating services so they are equity-anchored and person-centered for all, but especially the most vulnerable Californians. Ghaly holds the deep belief that together our collective efforts can not only serve Californians well today but set us on a path where all Californians have a brighter and healthier future.

David Lubarsky, MD, MBA, FASA, is the vice chancellor of human health sciences and CEO of UC Davis Health in Sacramento. He oversees multiple top-50-ranked entities — UC Davis School of Medicine, Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing, UC Davis Medical Center, and the UC Davis Children's Hospital. Lubarsky has increased UC Davis Health's revenues by more than 50% since arriving in July 2018.

Under Lubarsky's guidance, UC Davis Health, Sacramento's only academic medical center, has cultivated regional partnerships and unique models of care delivery that improve the entire continuum of public health. He also worked with local public health agencies to expand clinical services available in underserved communities, dramatically increasing the number of Medi-Cal enrollees in the region who can receive both primary and specialty care.

Lubarsky has been recognized as one of the “100 Most Influential People in Health Care” by *Modern Healthcare* and “100 Academic Medical Center CEOs to Know,” both in 2023. He was named “CEO of the Year” by Press Ganey in 2022, and in 2021, the *Sacramento Business Journal* named him a “Most Admired CEO.”

Carolina Reyes, MD, is associate clinical professor, maternal fetal medicine, School of Medicine, UC Davis Health. In her role as a maternal fetal medicine specialist, she provides care to pregnant women with medical complications (such as cardiovascular disease, autoimmune disease, recurrent pregnancy loss, diabetes) and fetal care (such as obstetric ultrasound, prenatal diagnosis, amniocentesis, multiple gestation, and fetal growth restriction).

Reyes is a mentor to future physicians and ob/gyn specialists. She serves on a California Pregnancy-Related Mortality Review Committee that strives to identify ways hospitals and physicians can improve the care provided to prevent adverse outcomes. Her research focuses on testing strategies to improve the practice of perinatal care during the intrapartum and postpartum period when women are at highest risk for cardiovascular complications of pregnancy.

Reyes is recognized nationally for her advocacy and commitment to improving the quality of care. She is chair of the California Health Care Foundation board, a trustee of CommonSpirit Health, and a former board member of Providence Health and Services. She received her BA in human biology from Stanford University and her MD from Harvard Medical School. She completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Southern California’s Keck School of Medicine.