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Scientific Sessions 2025
Ernest N. Morial Convention Center
November 8 – 10, 2025

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WELCOME TO NEW ORLEANS

...and welcome to the 2025 Scientific Sessions.

This premier global event in health and science is a four-day experience which offers unmatched access to groundbreaking research, dynamic learning, and career-defining connections. With expanded content, specialty forums, and interactive innovation zones, this is where we, the world's leading minds in health and science, shape what's next. Let's get started!



Health Innovation Pavilion Opening Session

9:45 am - 11:00 am

The Health Innovation Pavilion kicks off with welcome remarks and updates from AHA CHTI volunteer leadership. They will set the stage for how AI and health tech, when combined with science, is shaping the future of care for patients and providers.

9:45 - 9:50	Patrick Wayte, SVP , Center for Health Technology & Innovation, American Heart Association
9:50 - 10:00	Robert A. Harrington, MD , Cardiologist and serves as the Stephen and Suzanne Weiss Dean of Weill Cornell Medicine and Provost for Medical Affairs of Cornell University
10:00 - 10:10	Sidney C. Smith, Jr. MD, MACC, FAHA, FESC , Professor of Medicine, Heart and Vascular Center, University of North Carolina
10:10 - 10:20	Alexander J. Blood, MD, MSc, FACC , Cardiologist, Intensivist and Clinical Research, Brigham and Women's Hospital
10:20 - 10:25	Eric D. Peterson, MD, MPH , Professor of Medicine, Division of Cardiology, UT Southwestern Medical Center
10:25 - 10:35	Ritu Thamman, MD, FAHA, FASE, FESC , Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
10:35 - 10:40	Lee H. Schwamm, MD , Associate Dean for Digital Strategy and Transformation, Yale School of Medicine

Roundtable Discussions

10:40 am - 11:00 am

Immediately following the opening session, join focused roundtable conversations with CHTI's volunteer leadership, health tech innovators, AI experts and industry leaders. Engage in idea exchange and explore collaborations.

10:40 - 11:00	Table 1	Moderators: Robert A. Harrington, MD , Cardiologist and also serves as the Stephen and Suzanne Weiss Dean of Weill Cornell Medicine and Provost for Medical Affairs of Cornell University Ritu Thamman, MD, FAHA, FASE, FESC , Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
10:40 - 11:00	Table 2	Moderators: Eric D. Peterson, MD, MPH , Professor of Medicine, Division of Cardiology, UT Southwestern Medical Center Lee H. Schwamm, MD , Associate Dean for Digital Strategy and Transformation, Yale School of Medicine



CHTI Health Tech Competition - Round 1

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Five health tech innovators will present their breakthrough solutions to a panel of expert judges who will evaluate their business models and accessibility.



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11:30 - 1:00

Masters of Ceremony:

Jeff Makowka, Program Director Platform & Ecosystem, American Heart Association

11:30 - 11:35

Opening:

Nancy Brown, Chief Executive Officer, American Heart Association

Judges:

Eric D. Peterson, MD, MPH, Professor of Medicine, Division of Cardiology
UT Southwestern Medical Center

Lee Shapiro, JD, Chairman of the Board, American Heart Association, Managing Partner,
7wire Ventures

Lisa Suennen, Managing Partner, American Heart Association Ventures

Ken Nelson, Partner, Med Tech Innovators Advantage Fund

Craig Beam, President, Beam & Associates

Tim Benner, Chief Strategy Officer and CMO, Masimo

Henry Peck, Chief Business Officer, LSI

Star Jones, National Volunteer, American Heart Association

Clinically-Vetted AI in Action

1:00 pm - 1:15 pm

Discover how the American Heart Association's AI Assessment Lab speeds hospital AI adoption and deployment—ensuring readiness, value and access. Case studies show how vetted tools reduce barriers and improve care.

Moderator:

Sneha Jain, MD, MBA, Clinical Assistant, Professor of Medicine, Stanford University

Panelists:

Ross Upton, PhD, Founder, CEO and Chief Science Officer at Ultromics

Lee Schwamm, MD, Associate Dean for Digital Strategy and Transformation,
Yale School of Medicine

**Next Century of Impact: Advancing Health Through Collaborative Partnerships****1:30 pm - 2:45 pm**

Solving healthcare challenges requires collaboration. This session explores how partnerships among healthcare leaders, health tech innovators and communities are reframing how we manage heart and brain health.

1:30 - 1:40	Moderator: Ritu Thamman, MD, FAHA, FASE, FESC , Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
1:40 - 1:50	AHA Connected Care, Powered by Cadence Eve Cunningham, MD, MBA , Chief Medical Officer, Cadence
1:50 - 2:00	Making Heart Health More Accessible Jeff Bennett , Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer, Modivcare
2:00 - 2:10	Bringing New Screening Tools into Everyday Care James K. Min, MD, FACC, FESC, MSCCT , Founder and CEO, Cleerly
2:10 - 2:20	Virtual First Cardiology Jeff Wessler, MD , CEO, Heartbeat Health

Roundtable Discussions**2:20 pm - 2:45 pm**

Immediately following, join focused roundtable conversations to exchange ideas and explore collaborations. Discuss the Next Century of Impact and the power of collaborative relationships where AHA is extending its reach to bring lifesaving science to more people in the hospital and the home.

2:20 - 2:45	Table 1	Moderators: Jared W. Magnani, MD, MSc, FAHA , Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh Farzan Sasangohar, PhD , Associate Professor, Industrial & Systems Engineering, Texas A&M University
2:20 - 2:45	Table 2	Moderators: Sean Heffron, MD , Assistant Professor at NYU School of Medicine Erin Spaulding, PhD, BSN, RN , Assistant Professor, John Hopkins School of Nursing



CarePlan Challenge: Bringing AHA's CarePlans to Life: Digital Innovation in Action

3:15 pm - 3:45 pm

Selected teams from the AHA's CarePlan Challenge will demo their prototypes—and share how they've incorporated AHA's CarePlans into their digital tools, bringing AHA's science to life and improving patient engagement, care and outcomes.

3:15 - 3:20	Opening: Azizi Seixas, PhD , Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, University of Miami
	Judges:
	Tatyana Kanzaveli , Founder and CEO, Open Health Network
	Seth Martin, MD, MHS, FACC, FAHA, FASPC , Professor of Medicine & Cardiology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
	Erin D. Michos, MD, MHS , Professor of Medicine & Cardiology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
3:15 - 3:20	CarePlan Challenge Champion: Porter Health – Tushar Palikar, PhD
3:20 - 3:25	CarePlan Challenge Champion: Conneqt – Anne Assissi
3:25 - 3:30	CarePlan Challenge Champion: OneVillage – Ashley Yesayan
3:30 - 3:40	Judges' Feedback & Audience Questions
3:40 - 3:45	On Stage Recognition



The Power of Community Health, Where Health Begins

3:45 pm - 4:30 pm

Health begins where we live, learn, work and gather—not just in hospitals. Community health is built on food access, connection and trusted local care. This session explores interventions that address these drivers of health and programs and partnerships that give everyone a fair chance to live longer, stronger and with purpose.

Moderator:	Don Lloyd Jones, MD, ScM , Alexander Graham Bell Professor, Director, Framingham Center for Population and Prevention Science, Chief, Division of Preventive Medicine, Boston University Medical Center
Panelists:	Tiffany Powell-Wiley, MD, MPH, FAHA , Earl Stadtman Investigator, Chief of the Social Determinants of Obesity and Cardiovascular Risk Laboratory, NHLBI
	Eduardo Sanchez, MD , Chief Medical Officer, Prevention, American Heart Association
	Scott Conard, MD , CEO, Converging Health
	Courtney Scrubbs , 2025 AHA Greater New Orleans Woman of Impact



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Saturday, November 8

JOIN US!

CHTI Networking Event - Invite Only

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

*The Royal Sonesta New Orleans
300 Bourbon Street
New Orleans, LA*

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9



Stump the Doctor: AI vs. Experts Live

9:15 am - 9:45 am

What happens when leading clinicians and AI tools go head-to-head on real world medical scenarios? In this interactive session, leaders in health care and artificial intelligence team up to explore how AI is transforming diagnosis and decision making, where technology excels, where human insight prevails and how together they can improve patient outcomes.

Moderator:	Pierre Elias, MD , Assistant Professor, Division of Cardiology and Department of Biomedical Informatics, Columbia University
Panelists:	Effie Andrikopoulou, MD, MBA, FACC, FASE , Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Washington
	Alexander J. Blood, MD, MSc, FACC , Cardiologist, Intensivist and Clinical Research, Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Cracking the Code: How Data Science and AI at the Bedside is Changing Patient Care

9:45 am - 11:00 am

Explore how data and AI are being used to transform patient care. You won't want to miss this compelling discussion on improving diagnosis, personalizing treatment and helping clinicians make faster, smarter decisions—leading to better outcomes and patient experiences.

9:45 - 9:50	Opening: Alan Go, MD , Associate Director of Analytics, Kaiser Permanente
	Panelists:
9:50 - 10:40	Moderator: Mujeeb Basit, MD, MMSc , Associate Professor, Associate CMIO, UT Southwestern Medical Center
	MaryAnn Bauman, MD , Primary Care Physician and longtime volunteer and advocate for the American Heart Association.
	Rashmee Shah, MD , Adjunct Associate Professor, University of Utah, Clinical Research Scientist, Meta
	Jennifer Hall, PhD, FAHA , Chief of Data Science, American Heart Association



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Sunday, November 9

Roundtable Discussions

10:40 am - 11:00 am

Immediately following, join focused roundtable conversations to exchange ideas. Discuss how data science and AI at the Bedside is Changing Patient Care and how the AHA is extending its reach to bring lifesaving science to more people in the hospital and the home.

10:40 - 11:00

Table 1

Moderators:

Heather Provino, Managing Partner, Scanlon Group

Zakaria Almuwaqqat, MD, Interventional Cardiologist, Emory University

10:40 - 11:00

Table 2

Moderators:

Kris Vijay, MD, MS, FACC, FACP, FNLA, FHFSA,

Clinical Professor of Medicine, University of Arizona

Lauren Dickerman, PT, DP, Project Lead, Freelance Women's Health Physical Therapist

CHTI Health Tech Competition - Round 2

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Five health tech innovators present their cutting-edge solutions to a panel of experts who will evaluate how well their solutions align with AHA's Science.



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Joseph C. Wu, MD, PhD, FAHA, Past president of the American Heart Association (AHA), Professor & Director, Stanford Cardiovascular Institute, Co-founder, Greenstone Biosciences

Michael V. McConnell, MD, MSEE, Clinical Professor of Medicine, Stanford University School of Medicine

Asif Ali, MD, Clinical Associate Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine, University of Texas Medical School at Houston, Director, Cena Research Institute

Jessica Golbus, MD, MS, Assistant Professor, University of Michigan

Ashoo Tandon, MD, MS, FAAP, FACC, FAHA, Pediatric Cardiologist, Director of Cardiovascular Innovation and Associate Staff at Cleveland Clinic Children's

Dave Albert, MD, Founder, AliveCor

Daniel Cantillon, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Masimo



AHA Presidential Session

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Next Gen Leaders: Early Career Voices Shaping the Future of Heart and Brain Health

3:15 pm - 3:50 pm

Early career clinicians, researchers and entrepreneurs share how they are leveraging AI, digital tools and data science to reimagine prevention, diagnosis and treatment in heart and brain health. Join us for an inspiring look at the bold ideas, and real-world solutions reshaping the future of care.

3:15 - 3:20

Opening: Akash Patel, MD, Cardiology Fellow University of Chicago

Panelists:

3:20 - 3:50

Moderator: Lindsey Williams, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, PHN, PMP, Director, Care at Home, Cedars-Sinai

Nino Isakadze, MD, MHS, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Cardiac Electrophysiology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Faculty, Ciccarone Center for Prevention of CVD, Director, Center of the Electrophysiology Clinical Trials, Director, Atrial Fibrillation Clinic

Marat Fudim, MD, MHS, Heart Failure Cardiologist, Duke University Medical Center

Effie Andrikopoulou, MD MBA FACC FASE, Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Washington



Roundtable Discussions

3:50pm - 4:00 pm

Immediately following, join focused roundtable conversations to exchange ideas. Discuss how early career voices are shaping the future of Heart and Brain Health and how the AHA is extending its reach to bring lifesaving science to more people in the hospital and the home.

3:50 - 4:00	Table One	Moderator: Rebecca Vigen, MD, MSPS, MPA , Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, UT Southwestern Medical Center Francoise Marvel, MD , Assistant Professor of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University
3:50 - 4:00	Table Two	Moderators: Regina Allemand , Patient Bernardo Perez Villa, MD, MSc , Senior Engagement Partner, Cleveland Clinic Innovations

Heart of Innovation: How Health Systems Evolve in the Age of Technology

4:00 pm - 4:15 pm

Explore how health systems are using AI, data and digital tools to transform care and improve access to care.

4:00 - 4:15	Fireside Chat: Moin Hussaini , Chief Product Officer, Accurkardia
	Tariq Quershi, MD , Vice President Neurosciences + Heart & Vascular

Health Tech Competition Awards

4:15 pm - 4:30 pm

Join us as we announce this year's health tech winner and their transformative solution.

4:15 - 4:30	Presenters: Nancy Brown , CEO, American Heart Association Star Jones , National Volunteer, American Heart Association
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MONDAY NOVEMBER **10**



AHA Ventures Innovation Showcase

9:15 am - 9:40 am

Join us for the AHA Ventures Showcase, where innovators unveil their latest breakthroughs in cardiovascular and brain health.

9:15 - 9:20	Opening: Heather Wilder, Managing Director, AHA Ventures, Studio Red
9:20 - 9:30	Venture Showcase 1: Inna Plumb, CEO, Auxira
9:30 - 9:40	Venture Showcase 2: Ruby Gadelrab, CEO, MDisrupt

Innovators' Network Innovation Showcase

9:45 am - 11:00 am

Explore groundbreaking health tech innovations as members of CHTI's Innovators' Network showcase their latest advancements. See first-hand how cutting-edge solutions are transforming care, improving outcomes and shaping the future of cardiovascular and brain health with live audience Q&A.

9:45 - 9:50	Opening: Amit Khera, MD, MSc, Professor of Medicine, UTSW Medical Center
	Oura — Annemarie Tilton, MD, Director of Clinical Outcomes Research
	Zeto — Joe Schorre, RRT, RCP, Director of Cardiopulmonary and Emergency Managment
	EchoIQ — Geoff Strange, PhD, Medical Advisor
	Masimo — Daniel Cantillon, MD, Chief Medical Officer
	Amplity — Steve Ennen, Director, Client Partnership Strategy
	Sparrow BioAcoustics — Mark Opauszky, CEO
	AliveCor — Viet Le, PA, Associate Professor of Research, Preventive Cardiology



Roundtable Discussions

11:00 am - 11:30 am

Immediately following, join focused roundtable conversations to exchange ideas. Discuss how the latest advancements in science and tech are transforming care.

11:00 - 11:30	Table One	Moderators: Sunil Saith, MD, MPH, FACP , Interventional Cardiologist, One Brooklyn Health Deliah Hampton , Patient
11:00 - 11:30	Table Two	Moderators: Jinal Gada, MD , Pediatric Cardiology Fellow, Children's Hospital at Montefiore Evan Harmon, MD , Interventional Cardiology Fellow, Cleveland Clinic

Med Tech Innovators Innovation Showcase

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Startup finalists from the Heart & Brain Health Track of the MedTech Innovator Accelerator present breakthrough medical device and digital health solutions. These rapid-fire presentations demonstrate novel technologies poised to transform patient care, with live audience Q&A.

11:30 - 11:40	Opening: Brian Benson , Senior Vice President, MedTech Innovator
11:40 - 11:47	Med Tech Innovator: Kelvin Health - Uses mobile thermal imaging and AI for quick, non-invasive vascular diagnostics.
11:47 - 11:54	Med Tech Innovator: LightHearted AI Health - Uses laser light and AI to detect heart conditions quickly, accurately and affordably with no contact required.
11:54 - 12:01	Med Tech Innovator: Powerful Medical - Uses AI to help doctors quickly and accurately interpret ECGs.
12:01 - 12:08	Med Tech Innovator: Reach Neuro - Developed an implantable device that uses spinal cord stimulation to help stroke survivors regain arm and hand movement—even years after a stroke.
12:08 - 12:15	Med Tech Innovator: Sinaptica Therapeutics - Developing non-invasive brain stimulation to slow Alzheimer's and boost memory networks.



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Med Tech Innovators Innovation Showcases

12:15 - 12:22	Med Tech Innovator: SynchNeuro - Uses a needle-free, behind-the-ear wearable that uses brain signals to monitor blood sugar for people with prediabetes
12:22 - 12:29	Med Tech Innovator: Veravas - Uses magnetic beads to isolate biomarkers from blood or saliva for earlier, more accurate disease detection like Alzheimer's

Roundtable Discussions

12:30 pm - 1:00 pm

Immediately following, join focused roundtable conversations to exchange ideas and discuss breakthroughs in medical device and digital health solutions.

12:30 - 1:00	Table One	Moderators: Sarah Steinsiek , Patient Veera Anantha, PhD , CEO, Constant Therapy
12:30 - 1:00	Table Two	Moderators: Catherine Liao , Chief Strategy and Commercial Officer, Cardiex Chris O'Connor, MD, FRCPC , CEO, FirstHx



Hot Topics in AI and Big Data

1:30 pm - 2:10 pm

A dynamic panel on how artificial intelligence and data analytics are transforming cardiovascular care. Panelists will explore how AI is used for exercise coaching and heart health, monitor heart changes during pregnancy and detect conditions like hypertension with wearables, while also addressing the risks, ethics, and challenges of AI in medicine, such as data privacy, bias and regulation.

	Panelists:
1:40 - 2:20	Moderator: Erica Schorr, PhD, RN, FAHA, Associate Professor of Nursing, University of Minnesota
	Uday N. Kumar, MD, CEO, Element Science
	Vimal Ramjee, MD, CDH-E, Director, Cardiovascular CT Program, Memorial Hospital

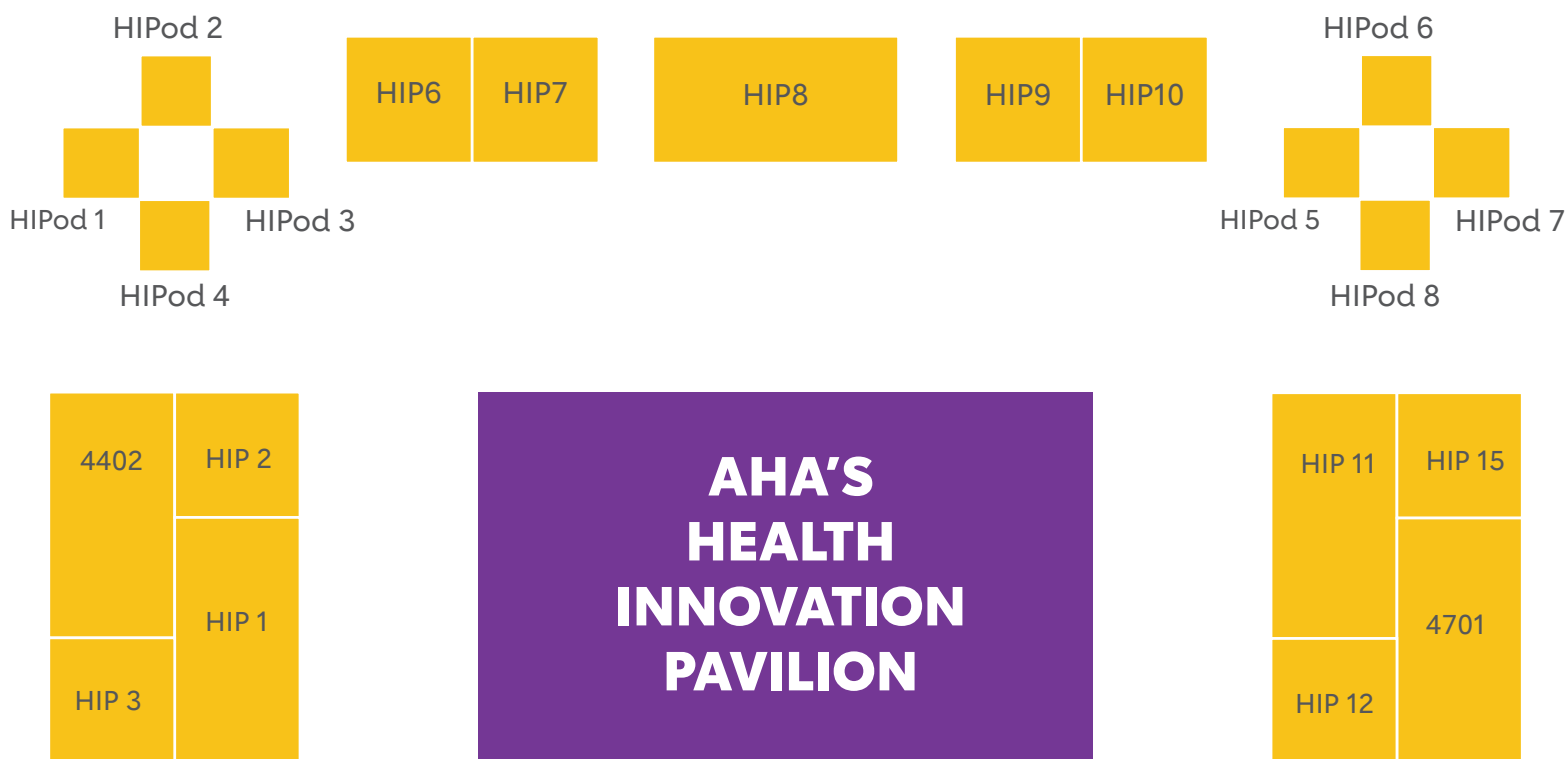
AI Research Award Winner Presentations

2:10 pm - 3:00 pm

Come hear from the Kaiser Permanente and University of Michigan research teams recently awarded \$10.5 million by the American Heart Association to explore how AI can improve and speed up screening and treatment for heart disease.

2:10 - 2:45	Moderator: Svati Shah, MD, MHS, Associate Dean for Translational Research and Director of the Duke Precision Genomics Collaboratory
	David Ouyang, MD, Research Scientist, Division of Research, Kaiser Permanente Northern California Associate Professor at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
	Cindy Hsu, MD, PhD, Division Chief of Critical Care, Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and Surgery at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
2:45 - 3:00	Audience Questions & Answers

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**HIP 1 - Masimo®**

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HIP 2 - ŌURA

Ask us about translating biometrics into insights.

HIP 3 - rce^x

Ask us about non-invasive early ACS detection.

4402 - Abbott

Ask us about managing fluid volume with CardioMEMS HF System.

HIPod 1 - noah labs

Ask us about voice-guided CHF Management.

HIPod 2 - tabia

Ask us about AI-powered care orchestration for cardiology.

HIPod 3 - Auxira

Ask us about provider burnout and high acuity access.

HIPod 4 - Cleerly

Ask us about AI-driven quantification and assessment of coronary artery disease.

HIP 6 - OCORO heart study

Ask us about today's real-world insights powering tomorrow's cardiology.

HIP 7 - higi

Ask us about community risk screening.

HIP 8 - ALIVECOR®

Ask us about AI-powered, portable, ECG systems.

HIP 9 - mdisrupt

Ask us about monetizing your expertise as a Health Expert.

HIP 10 - EchoIQ

Ask us about AI that surfaces hidden heart risk.

HIP 11 - SPARROW BIOACOUSTICS INC.

Ask us about smartphone-based AI for VHD screening.

HIP 12 - Cairdio

Ask us about empowering the public to recognize heart murmurs.

HIP 15 - TOPCON Healthcare

Ask us about healthcare From the Eye.

4701 - American Heart Association. AI Assessment Lab | Powered by Dandelion

Ask us about Accelerating AI adoption with independent assessments.

HIPod 6 - American Heart Association.

Ask us about accessing the AHA PREVENT Risk Calculator.

HIPod 7 - ROON The Digital Home for Doctors.

Ask us about a knowledge-sharing platform for physicians.

HIPod 8 - Haystack Robotics

Ask us about the world's smartest disinfection robot.



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Dave Albert, MD
Founder, AliveCor

David E. Albert, MD, an Oklahoma native, is a physician, inventor and serial entrepreneur who has developed life-saving technologies and products over the last 30 years, turning a number of those innovations into tech startups. Today, he is a founder of three technology companies, InnovAlarm, Lifetone Technology, and AliveCor. His previous startups include Corazonix Corp (sold to Arrhythmia Research Technology) and Data Critical (sold to GE). Dr. Albert left GE in 2004 as Chief Scientist of GE Cardiology to disrupt several new markets. His latest invention, AliveCor's KardiaMobile personal ECG technology, became a global sensation via a YouTube Video in January 2011 around the Consumer Electronics Show and was featured on ABC, CBS, CNN and Fox News among many other media outlets. Dr. Albert has 80 issued US patents, a large number pending and several new "secret inventions" in development. He has authored or co-authored over 100 scientific abstracts and publications, principally in the cardiology literature. Dr. Albert has lectured at the Entrepreneurship programs at the MIT Sloan School and the University of Oklahoma. Dr. Albert graduated with Honors from Harvard College and from Duke University Medical School.



Asif Ali, MD
Clinical Associate Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine, University of Texas Medical School at Houston, Director, Cena Research Institute

He received his MD at the University of Texas McGovern Medical School in Houston and completed his residency in Internal Medicine, Fellowship in Cardiovascular Medicine and Advanced Imaging Fellowship at the University of Texas McGovern.



Regina Allemand
Patient

Regina is an AHA Volunteer. Her husband found her unresponsive. He gave her CPR, the first step toward her "Stayin Alive"



Zakaria Almuwaqqat, MD
Interventional Cardiologist, Emory University

Dr. Zakaria Almuwaqqat, MD, MPH, is an Assistant Professor and clinician-investigator at Rutgers RWJBarnabas Health. He earned his MBBS from the University of Jordan and completed advanced clinical and research training in Cardiovascular Disease at Emory University and the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

His pioneering work integrates artificial intelligence to revolutionize cardiovascular care, enhancing diagnostic precision and develop innovative precision therapies to improve patient outcomes.

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Veera Anantha, PhD
CEO, Constant Therapy

Veera Anantha is currently Founder & CEO of Constant Therapy Health, which uses AI to help people recover their brain function after a stroke, brain injury or other neurological disorders. Constant Therapy Health has quickly grown into a high impact digital health company serving tens of thousands of patients and clinicians globally.



Effie Andrikopoulou, MD, MBA, FACC, FASE
Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Washington

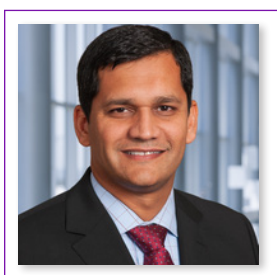
Efstathia "Effie" Andrikopoulou, MD, MBA, FACC, FASE is an academic cardiologist and Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Washington, where she serves as Medical Director of the Echocardiography Lab at Harborview Medical Center. She completed her training in General Cardiology at University of Alabama at Birmingham and in advanced multimodality imaging at Brigham and Women's Hospital. She is a physician-investigator with a clinical and research focus in Cardio-Oncology, health system innovation, and AI-enabled care transformation.



MaryAnn Bauman, MD
Primary Care Physician and longtime volunteer and advocate for the American Heart Association

Dr. Mary Ann Bauman is a board-certified internal medicine physician who practiced primary care for almost 40 years. She combined practice and administration as an officer of INTEGRIS Physician Services in Oklahoma City, OK. During her tenure, Dr. Bauman was actively involved in negotiating fee-for-service, capitation and pay-for-performance contracts.

Her focus on prevention began in the 1980s when she witnessed firsthand the devastating effects of unhealthy lifestyle habits. This led her to the American Heart Association where she first began as a speaker at events and then became a committed volunteer at local, regional and national levels. Dr. Bauman has participated in many national committees, served as President of both the SouthWest and Western States Regions, chaired the Stroke Association Advisory Committee and was a member of the National Board from 2014-2022. She currently chairs the Corporate Relations Review Committee, and is a member of the Corporate Operations, Communications and Marketing, and Governance Committees. During her term as chair of the Communications and Marketing Committee, the iconic Heart and Torch logo was modernized to better appeal to social media audiences.



Mujeeb Basit, MD, MMSc
Associate Professor, Associate CMIO, UT Southwestern Medical Center

Dr. Mujeeb Basit, M.D., is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center and a member of the Division of Cardiology. Dr. Basit's clinical interests include general cardiology and personalized management of long-term cardiovascular risk.

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**Craig Beam****President, Beam & Associates**

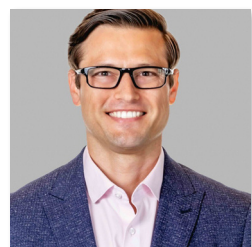
Mr. Beam has nearly four decades of experience in a wide variety of health care positions from strategic planning, capital allocation, scientific research and operational consultant for health systems. In addition, he has been actively involved in health care policy issues as former Chair of the American Heart Association, advisor to Director of the National Institutes of Health and just completed his term serving on the ABIM Cardiology Council. He has also been involved in International Health Care organizations including Treasurer of the World Heart Federation current President of the Interamerican Heart Foundation.

**Tim Benner****Chief Strategy Officer and CMO, Masimo**

Tim Benner is a healthcare executive with senior leadership experience in large, pedigree brands and small company environments, known for launching transformational therapies, driving hyper-growth and expansive shareholder value.

**Jeff Bennett****Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer, Modivcare**

Jeff Bennett is President of the Monitoring division at Modivcare, a technology-enabled healthcare services company. With a strong passion and a personal connection to the power of preventative healthcare and smart management of chronic diseases, Jeff Bennett leads a team committed to addressing care access in the community and home. Previously, Jeff was CEO of Higi, having led the company through its 2023 acquisition by Modivcare (Nasdaq: MODV). Bennett has been involved with the Higi business from the beginning, working toward making it easier for all people to understand their health risks and receive the care and support needed to address them. Bennett received his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University and has a Master of Business Administration degree from the Kellogg Business School at Northwestern. He resides in the Chicago suburbs with his wife and three sons who are all die-hard Green Bay Packer fans. When he's not chasing around his kids, Bennett loves to run and has completed 43 marathons, including 5 Boston marathons.

**Brian Benson****Senior Vice President, MedTech Innovator**

Brian Benson has a strong background in entrepreneurship and commercialization, with experience in various industries ranging from technology to racing. As the Senior Vice President at MedTech Innovator, Brian leads strategic alliances and drives growth initiatives. Prior to this role, Brian served as the Director of Entrepreneurship and Commercialization at the California NanoSystems Institute at UCLA, where Brian managed the Magnify incubator and fostered industry partnerships. With a Bachelor's degree in Entrepreneurship from Loyola Marymount University, Brian has a proven track record in building a culture of innovation and taking discoveries from concept to commercialization.

MEET THE SPEAKERS



Alexander J. Blood, MD, MSc, FACC, Cardiologist
Intensivist and Clinical Research, Brigham and Women's Hospital

Alexander J. "AJ" Blood, MD, MSc is a cardiologist, intensivist, and obesity-medicine trained clinician and researcher within the department of cardiovascular medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital. He received his MD as a member of the inaugural class at the Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine, completed residency training at Duke University, and cardiovascular medicine and critical care fellowships at Brigham and Women's Hospital. He is the associate director of the Accelerator for Clinical Transformation and an Instructor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. He is the founder and CEO of AlwithCare.



Nancy Brown
Chief Executive Officer, American Heart Association

Nancy Brown is Chief Executive Officer of the American Heart Association. Under her leadership as CEO since 2008, the Association has become a global authority on cardiovascular and brain health, generating \$1.2 billion annually to power its mission: to be a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives.



Daniel Cantillon, MD
Chief Medical Officer, Masimo

Dr. Cantillon serves as Chief Medical Officer at Masimo, a medical device company based in Irvine, Ca specializing in non-invasive patient monitoring. Prior to this, Dr. Cantillon practiced cardiovascular medicine at Cleveland Clinic for over 16 years. His leadership positions included Associate Section Head & Research Director of Cardiac Electrophysiology and Pacing, and Medical Director of the Central Monitoring Unit (CMU). The latter provided continuous cardiac rhythm, hemodynamic and respiratory monitoring for patients at Cleveland Clinic's main campus and 10 regional hospitals with an over 2,000 patient monitored bed capacity.



Scott Conard, MD
CEO, Converging Health

Scott Conard, MD, DABFP, FFAFM is a highly experienced doctor, physician executive and the co-founder and Chief Medical & Strategy Officer of Converging Health. With over 35 years of experience, Dr. Conard has been a leader in creating systems and tools to empower lower costs and improved health.

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Eve Cunningham, MD, MBA
Chief Medical Officer, Cadence

Dr. Eve Cunningham is the Chief Medical Officer at Cadence, a remote care delivery system supporting clinicians, patients, and health systems beyond the four walls of traditional care. A board-certified OB-GYN and nationally recognized leader in virtual care and clinical AI, Dr. Cunningham has spent the past two decades leading transformational programs at major nonprofit health systems. Prior to Cadence, she served as Group Vice President and Chief of Virtual Care at Providence, where she launched enterprise initiatives including virtual nursing, remote patient monitoring, and hospital-at-home, and co-founded the AI-powered clinical decision support tool, MedPearl. She holds an MD from Saint Louis University, completed her OB-GYN residency at Kaiser Los Angeles, and earned an MBA from the University of Massachusetts.



Lauren Dickerman, PT, DP
Project Lead, Freelance Women's, Health Physical Therapist

Lauren Dickerman is a healthcare leader and relationship builder with 12+ years of clinical experience in the women's health arena. She has been a health tech advisor to multiple startups and organizations for over two years. She is passionate about using her clinical acumen, organization, and network to help build strategy, assist product development, and help companies achieve their goals. Women's heart health is a significant area of interest and passion for her, having had her own lived experiences and seeing firsthand the need for better care solutions. Lauren is proud to be working with the AHA on projects to advance women's heart health and enjoyed the opportunity to speak at last year's AHA Sessions Conference on the topic of maternal cardiometabolic care.



Pierre Elias, MD
Assistant Professor, Division of Cardiology and Department of Biomedical Informatics, Columbia University

Pierre Elias is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Cardiology and the Department of Biomedical Informatics at Columbia University Irving Medical Center, where he practices as a general cardiologist. He is also the Medical Director for Artificial Intelligence at NewYork-Presbyterian. His research lab develops machine learning technologies for medical imaging to improve the detection and management of cardiovascular disease.



Marat Fudim, MD, MHS
Heart Failure Cardiologist, Duke University Medical Center

Dr. Marat Fudim is an Associate Professor and heart failure cardiologist at the Duke University Medical Center. He completed his medical school in Germany, residency at Vanderbilt and cardiology fellowship at Duke. He currently serves as the Medical Director for the Clinical Research Unit, Heart Failure Remote Monitoring and Heart Failure Device Clinic. He won the 2021 American College of Cardiology Douglas Zipes Distinguished Young Investigator Award. His research interest is in the pathophysiology of HF, and heart failure with preserved ejection fraction specifically.

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**Jinal Gada, MD****Pediatric Cardiology Fellow, Children's Hospital at Montefiore**

Jinal Gada, MD, is a pediatric cardiologist at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore, where she serves as an attending physician with a clinical and research focus in pediatric heart failure and heart transplantation. She completed her pediatric cardiology fellowship at Montefiore, developing a strong interest in optimizing advanced heart failure therapies and improving outcomes for children with complex congenital and acquired heart disease. Dr. Gada is dedicated to advancing the field through collaborative research, quality improvement initiatives, and active engagement in the pediatric heart failure and transplant community.

**Ruby Gadelrab****CEO, MDisrupt**

Ruby Gadelrab is the Founder and CEO of MDisrupt, an AI-driven marketplace that connects health experts with the world's most innovative healthtech companies to accelerate product development and commercial success. She is a seasoned health technology executive with a proven track record of commercializing innovative healthcare products. Formerly VP of Commercial Marketing at 23andMe, she has advised more than 25 healthtech companies and is passionate about bridging the gap between innovation and real-world healthcare impact.

**Alan Go, MD****Associate Director of Analytics, Kaiser Permanent**

Alan S. Go, MD, Associate Director at the Kaiser Permanente Northern California Division of Research; Professor of Health Systems Science at the Kaiser Permanente Bernard J. Tyson School of Medicine; and Professor of Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Medicine at University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Go's research interests include cardiovascular epidemiology and outcomes research, improving risk prediction, evaluating the role of wearable and mobile devices, atrial fibrillation, heart failure, ischemic heart disease, kidney disease, and optimizing prevention and treatment of cardiovascular, kidney, and metabolic (CKM) health conditions and associated risk factors.

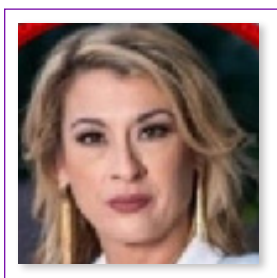
**Jessica Golbus, MD, MS****Assistant Professor, University of Michigan**

Jessica Golbus MD, MS is an Assistant Professor within the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine at the University of Michigan. She received her MD from the University of Michigan and completed her residency in Internal Medicine at the Hospital University of Pennsylvania. She then completed her training in General and Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology at the University of Michigan.

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**Jennifer Hall, PhD, FAHA****Chief of Data Science, American Heart Association**

Dr. Jennifer Hall is the Chief of Data Science and the co-director of the Institute for Precision Cardiovascular Medicine at the American Heart Association. She leads the Association's groundbreaking initiatives in cardiovascular medicine by leveraging data analysis, new technologies and strategic alliances to fulfill the promise of precision medicine: that integrating real-world data can enable and accelerate the development of innovative solutions to prevent or mitigate the impact of chronic diseases.

**Deliah Hampton****Patient**

Deliah is an AHA volunteer. She is a survivor of multiple heart attacks.

**Evan Harmon, MD****Interventional Cardiology Fellow, Cleveland Clinic**

Evan Harmon, MD, is an Interventional Cardiology Fellow within the Department of Cardiovascular Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic. He received his MD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and completed his residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Virginia. He then completed his training in Cardiovascular Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic.

**Robert A. Harrington, MD****Cardiologist and serves as the Stephen and Suzanne Weiss Dean of Weill Cornell Medicine and Provost for Medical Affairs of Cornell University**

Dr. Robert A. Harrington is a cardiologist and serves as the Stephen and Suzanne Weiss Dean of Weill Cornell Medicine and Provost for Medical Affairs of Cornell University. His research areas of focus include evaluating antithrombotic therapies to treat acute ischemic heart disease and to minimize the acute complications of percutaneous coronary procedures and trying to better understand and improve upon the methodology of clinical research, including the use of technologies to facilitate the conduct of clinical trials. A previous American Heart Association (AHA) president, Dr. Harrington remains a member of AHA's Board of Directors. He is also an elected member of the Association of American Physicians, the Association of University Cardiologists, and the National Academy of Medicine / Institute of Medicine.

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**Sean Heffron, MD****Assistant Professor at NYU School of Medicine**

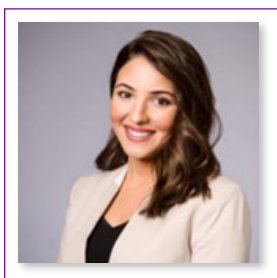
Sean's initial interest in health stemmed from a passion for nutrition and diet that was inspired by traveling the world and learning about the diets of different cultures. He later realized he wanted to have a health career that would give him universally applicable skills, so he pursued medicine.

Today, he uses his background in nutrition in consultations with patients. As a preventive cardiologist, he encourages optimal nutrition and regular physical activity as a way to prevent or manage obesity, which can adversely affect a person's cardiovascular disease risk.

His goal is to provide guidance. He offers consultative services regarding lifestyle modifications, such as increasing leisure activities and incorporating regular exercise into daily life, for people who are trying to prevent or have already been diagnosed with cardiovascular disease.

**Cindy Hsu, MD, PhD****Division Chief of Critical Care, Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and Surgery at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**

Dr. Cindy Hsu is the Division Chief of Critical Care for the Department of Emergency Medicine and Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and Surgery at Michigan Medicine, where she cares for critically ill patients in the Emergency Critical Care Center, Adult Emergency Department, and Trauma/ Burn ICU. With an MD/PhD degree from Boston University School of Medicine, emergency medicine residency at the University of Pennsylvania, trauma/surgical critical care fellowship at R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, and a master's degree in Clinical Trial Design & Statistical Analysis from the University of Michigan School of Public Health, Dr. Hsu is among the first in her specialty to hold dual board certifications in emergency medicine and surgical critical care. Her mission is to transform cardiac arrest care by bridging the gaps between translational research and clinical implementation, with research spanning from large animal models to clinical trials that focus on innovative approaches to improve neurological outcomes after cardiac arrest. As the site lead investigator for cardiac arrest trials as such EROCA and ICECAP, and co-investigator for the SIREN Clinical Coordinating Center, Dr. Hsu has maintained continuous NIH funding since 2016, including a NINDS R61/33 Innovation Grant to Nurture Initial Translational Efforts. She has also served on the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation's Advanced Life Support Task Force and the American Heart Association's Emergency Cardiovascular Care Science Subcommittee, while championing emergency care and research equity as a RAND Center to Advance Racial Equity Policy Visiting Health Equity Fellow and leader of the SIREN Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Working Group. Her contributions have been recognized through accolades including the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Early Investigator Award and AHA Resuscitation Science Symposium Young Investigator Award.

**Nino Isakadze, MD, MHS****Assistant Professor of Medicine, Cardiac Electrophysiology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Faculty, Ciccarone Center for Prevention of CVD, Director, Center of the Electrophysiology Clinical Trials, Director, Atrial Fibrillation Clinic**

Dr. Nino Isakadze is a fourth-year cardiology fellow with research interests at the intersection of digital health and atrial fibrillation. In collaboration with the American Heart Association and the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Equity, Dr. Isakadze incorporated Human Centered Design methodology to develop mobile application for management of atrial fibrillation in a way that will meet the needs of diverse groups of patients and clinicians.

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**Sneha Jain, MD, MBA****Clinical Assistant, Professor of Medicine, Stanford University**

Dr. Sneha S. Jain is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine and Director of the GUIDE-AI Lab. She specializes in general cardiovascular medicine and preventive cardiology.

Her research focuses on the development and responsible evaluation of AI tools to augment healthcare delivery and improve patient outcomes. She works with the Data Science Team at Stanford Healthcare and the Stanford Center for Clinical Research to deploy and prospectively evaluate AI solutions across the healthcare enterprise.

**Star Jones****National Volunteer, American Heart Association**

Star Jones is an attorney, former New York city homicide prosecutor, business executive, best-selling author, and an Emmy award nominated TV host who has worked in media & communications for 30 years.

Ms. Jones is the former president and a member of the Board of Directors of Professional Diversity Network, Inc. and the International Association of Women.

In 2010, Ms. Jones underwent successful open-heart surgery and for over a decade, she has been the National Volunteer of the American Heart Association. Seen throughout the 2011 season of NBC's Celebrity Apprentice on behalf of the American Heart Association breaking fundraising records and advocating for heart health.

**Tatyana Kanzeveli****Founder and CEO, Open Health Network**

Tatyana Kanzeveli is the founder and CEO of Open Health Network, the startup in a Big Data/Healthcare space. She is a mentor at 500Startups and Richard Branson Entrepreneurs Centre and serves on boards for private companies.

**Amit Khera, MD, MSc****Professor of Medicine, UTSW Medical Center**

Dr. Khera is Professor of Medicine at the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, Texas where he serves as Clinical Chief of Cardiology, Director of Preventive Cardiology, Co-Director of the Familial Hypercholesterolemia Clinic, and holder of the Dallas Heart Ball Chair in Hypertension and Heart Disease. He is also Professor of Epidemiology at the O'Donnell School of Public Health.

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Uday N. Kumar, MD
CEO, Element Science

Dr. Uday N. Kumar, a cardiac electrophysiologist (EP) by training, is the Founder, President and CEO of Element Science, Inc., a company developing innovative devices, including the Jewel® Patch Wearable Cardioverter Defibrillator (P-WCD), for patients as they transition from the hospital to the home after acute cardiovascular events. Prior to this, he was an Entrepreneur-in-Residence at Third Rock Ventures and was also the Founder of iRhythm Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ: IRTC), where he served as a Board member and Chief Medical Officer from founding through commercialization of its Zio® Patch cardiac monitoring device and service, which has been used by over 8 million patients. Uday also co-founded and served as a Board Member of Qurious.io, Inc. (sold to Pegasystems Inc.) and Sympara Medical, Inc., has served as a Board Member of G-Tech Medical, Inc. and Madorra, Inc., and currently serves as an Advisor to Sectoral Asset Management.



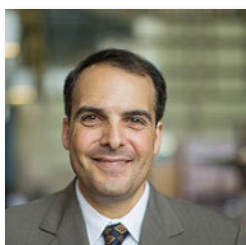
Catherine Liao
Chief Strategy and Commercial Officer, Cardiex

Catherine Liao was the co-founder and CEO of Blumio which was acquired by CardieX Limited, where she now serves as their Chief Strategy Officer. She is passionate about the process of uncovering unmet needs and developing viable solutions to address those needs. She currently focuses her time and energy on running a medical device startup.



Don Lloyd Jones, MD, ScM
Alexander Graham Bell Professor, Director, Framingham Center for Population and Prevention Science, Chief, Division of Preventive Medicine, Boston University Medical Center

Dr. Lloyd-Jones graduated from Swarthmore College and Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons, and did his internal medicine and cardiology training at Massachusetts General Hospital, where served as medical chief resident and chief cardiac fellow. He was a fellow and then staff researcher at the Framingham Heart Study from 1997-2003. He is currently the Eileen M. Foell Professor of Heart Research, and Professor of Preventive Medicine, Medicine, and Pediatrics at Northwestern's Feinberg School of Medicine.



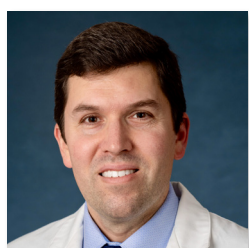
Jared W. Magnani, MD, MSc, FAHA
Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh

Jared W Magnani, MD, MSc is an Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh Schools of Medicine and Public Health. He is a general cardiologist and directs clinical trials to improve chronic disease self-management and health literacy for cardiovascular risk factors and disease.

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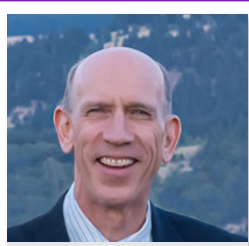
**Jeff Makowka****Program Director Platform & Ecosystem, American Heart Association**

Mr. Makowka joined American Heart Association Ventures in December of 2024. As Program Director, Platform and Ecosystem, Jeff helps to support the impact and success of Heart Ventures' portfolio companies. Starting in the American Heart Association's Center for Health Technology & Innovation (CHTI) in June of 2022 as a Program Director. Jeff was instrumental in strengthening member relationships and supporting the growth of our Innovators' Network from 15 members to over 55 in the span of two years. He was responsible for driving meaningful collaborations that have greatly increased the Associations' impact in health technology innovation. Jeff has also played a pivotal leadership role in the annual CHTI Health Tech Competition and Health Innovation Pavilion at AHA's Scientific Sessions Conference. His ability to bring together innovators, judges and partners has elevated the competition into one of the most highly anticipated events at Scientific Sessions.

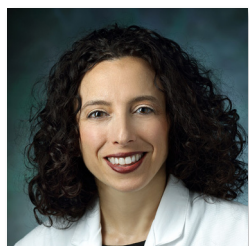
**Seth Martin, MD, MHS, FACC, FAHA, FASPC****Professor of Medicine & Cardiology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine**

Dr. Seth Martin is a Professor of Medicine in the Division of Cardiology at Johns Hopkins, specializing in preventive cardiology, lipids, and digital health. Dr. Martin is a core faculty member at the Ciccarone Center for the Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease, where he directs the Advanced Lipid Disorders Program and the Digital Health Innovations Lab. He is a member of the AHA's National Health Tech Advisory Group, Immediate Past Chair of the AHA National Statistics Committee, and is President of the Maryland AHA Board.

With research grounded in preventive cardiology, Dr. Martin focuses at the intersections of digital/mobile health technology, lipidology, cardiovascular risk assessment, health equity, big data and precision medicine. Using a database of more than 1 million patients, Dr. Martin led the development of an improved LDL cholesterol algorithm that was externally validated in databases, cohort studies, and clinical trials, and has been clinically adopted at scale around the world in professional guidelines and practice. He is also a co-founder of the Corrie Health Digital Platform, which has been developed to re-engineer the patient and clinician experience to promote guideline-directed cardiovascular care.

**Michael V. McConnell, MD, MSEE****Clinical Professor of Medicine, Stanford University School of Medicine**

Physician and health technology expert with 20+ years experience leading multi-disciplinary teams in academia and industry to develop products and programs for improving disease detection and prevention at scale.

**Erin D. Michos, MD, MHS****Professor of Medicine & Cardiology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine**

Dr. Erin D. Michos is a Professor of Medicine within the Division of Cardiology at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, with joint appointment in the Department of Epidemiology at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She is the Director of Women's Cardiovascular Health and the Associate Director of Preventive Cardiology within the Johns Hopkins Ciccarone Center for the Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease.

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James K. Min, MD, FACC, FESC, MSCCT
Founder and CEO, Cleerly

James K. Min, MD is the founder and CEO of Cleerly, a former Professor of Radiology and Medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College, and former Director of the Dalio Institute of Cardiovascular Imaging (ICI) at NewYork-Presbyterian. He is a board-certified cardiologist with a clinical focus on cardiovascular disease prevention and cardiovascular imaging. Min has published more than 500 peer-reviewed manuscripts and has served as Principal Investigator on numerous landmark multicenter clinical trials and registries, including the ACCURACY, CONFIRM, CONSERVE, CREDENCE, ICONIC and PARADIGM trials.



Ken Nelson
Partner, Med Tech Innovators Advantage Fund

Ken Nelson currently serves as partner in the Medtech Advantage Fund, which has an exclusive partnership with Medtech Innovator (www.medtechinnovator.org), the largest MedTech and Digital Health startup accelerator globally. In addition, he serves as Chairman of the Board for CardiaCare (Rehovot, Israel), and is an active board member for HeartBeam (NASDAQ: BEAT), Acarix (Stockholm, Sweden NASDAQ: ACARIX), Epitel (Salt Lake City, UT), Echo IQ (Sydney, Australia – Ticker ASX: EIQ), Happitech (Amsterdam, Netherlands), and a handful of other disruptive cardiac Digital Health and MedTech startups. He is also on the advisory boards and/or planning committees, for SmartCardia (Lausanne, Switzerland), HeartX (MedAxiom/ ACC), HRX (Digital Health Summit of Heart Rhythm Society), the Innovation Advisory Board of Heart Rhythm Society (HRS) and on both the AHA Health Tech Innovation Business Advisory Board and Heart & Brain Startup Accelerator Selection Committee of the American Heart Association.



Chris O'Connor, MD, FRCPC
CEO, FirstHx

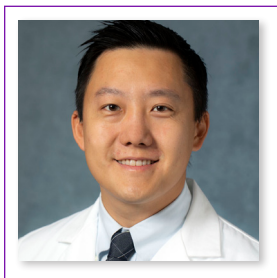
In his role as CEO, Chris brings a wealth of experience, both as a healthcare entrepreneur and as a physician. Chris has been instrumental in bringing FirstHx to market, both in virtual and in-person settings. Under Chris' leadership FirstHx has achieved a 95% patient satisfaction rating while improving clinical quality and efficiency. Most recently FirstHx has launched a clinical trials solution that combines the medical history intake with clinical trial pre screening in one integrated process.



Mark Opauszky, CEO
Sparrow BioAcoustics

Mark Attila Opauszky has been a technology leader for more than 25 years, with a career dedicated to applying data in new ways to solve complex problems. He is CEO of Sparrow BioAcoustics, a company advancing the detection of valvular heart disease and other conditions through AI-enabled bioacoustics. In 1999, Mark survived a rare and life-threatening illness, an experience that shaped his perspective on recovery, resilience, and patient advocacy. He speaks and writes regularly on business, health, and overcoming obstacles. Outside of work, Mark is a former musician, amateur boxer, and mechanic. His spare time is enjoyably preoccupied with his family and the ongoing adventure of an adaptive lifestyle.

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**David Ouyang, MD**

Research Scientist, Division of Research, Kaiser Permanente Northern California | Associate Professor at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

David is a cardiologist and researcher in the Santa Clara Homestead Medical Center and Division of Research at Kaiser Permanente Northern California. He is also an adjunct Assistant Professor at the Smidt Heart Institute at Cedars-Sinai. As a physician-scientist and statistician with focus on cardiology and imaging, he majored in statistics at Rice University, obtained his MD at UCSF, and received post-graduate medical education in internal medicine, cardiology, and a postdoc in computer science and biomedical data science at Stanford University. He is also a Deputy Editor at NEJM AI.

**Akash Patel, MD**

Cardiology Fellow University of Chicago

Akash is a General Cardiology Fellow (PGY-5) at the University of Chicago who is interested in the intersection of technology and medicine. Previously, he was an Internal Medicine Resident at the University of Texas at Austin. I received my MD and MBA from Northwestern University.

**Shyamal Patel, PhD**

Senior Vice President, Oura

Shyamal Patel is SVP, Science at Oura, where he leads an interdisciplinary organization focused on engineering cutting-edge sensing algorithms and technologies that exceed the most rigorous scientific and clinical validation standards, while simultaneously pursuing original scientific discoveries that expand the world's understanding of health and well-being

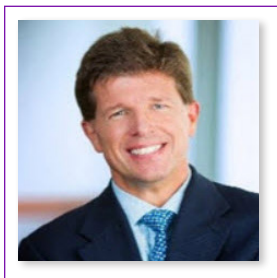
**Henry Peck**

Chief Business Officer, LSI

Henry is a recognized leader in the emerging generation of medtech and healthtech. From battles with a rare degenerative neuromuscular condition as a child to overcoming thyroid cancer in 2023, his passion for healthcare innovation is deeply personal.

As Chief Business Officer at LSI, he drives the company's strategic vision and execution across a connected ecosystem of premium summits, proprietary data solutions, and global media—empowering industry leaders to move smarter, faster, and with greater impact.

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**Eric D. Peterson, MD, MPH****Professor of Medicine, Division of Cardiology UT Southwestern Medical Center**

An internationally acclaimed leader in cardiovascular clinical research, Dr. Peterson has been the Fred Cobb Distinguished Professor of Medicine in the Division of Cardiology at Duke University and served as Executive Director of the Duke Clinical Research Institute from 2012-18. Dr. Peterson's appointment is exemplary of UT Southwestern's commitment to transform the clinical research enterprise by building on existing academic strengths and diverse patient populations and benefiting from new faculty recruits and innovative data, digital and quantitative capacities to reach new levels of excellence in bench-to-bed-side-to-population translational science.

**Oliver Piepenstock (Weiss)****CEO and Co-founder, Noah Labs**

Trained as a financial economist (M.Sc. at Copenhagen Business School), Oliver started in investment banking before switching to healthcare and building his first startup Mecasa. Inspired by the purpose of making a difference in people's lives, Oliver co-founded Noah Labs in 2021, where he serves as CEO. Noah Labs develops voice-based digital biomarkers for the early detection of decompensated Heart Failure and currently runs trials at the Mayo Clinic and several centers in the EU.

**Inna Plumb****CEO, Auxira**

Inna Plumb is the CEO of Auxira and an experienced healthcare executive and company builder. She began her career in investment banking and at Soros Fund Management before moving into startups, leading Blue Apron's national supply chain from Series B through IPO. At Redesign Health, she helped launch and scale several care delivery companies, including Ever/Body, Vault, and Calibrate. She later co-founded MedArrive, a home- and virtual-care platform, where she served as COO—leading operations, raising over \$40M, and scaling services across Medicaid, Medicare, and ACA populations. Inna is passionate about building high-performing teams and thrives in the complexity of fast-growing, mission-driven businesses.

**Tiffany Powell-Wiley, MD, MPH, FAHA****Earl Stadtman Investigator, Chief of the Social Determinants of Obesity and Cardiovascular Risk Laboratory, NHLBI**

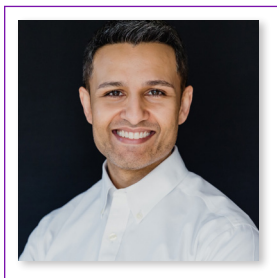
Tiffany M. Powell-Wiley MD, MPH is a Stadtman Senior Investigator and Chief of the Social Determinants of Obesity and Cardiovascular Risk Laboratory at the National Institutes of Health with a joint appointment in the Cardiovascular Branch of the Division of Intramural Research at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) and the Intramural Research Program of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. Dr. Powell-Wiley's interdisciplinary team uses community-engaged research, epidemiologic methods, and translational approaches to better understand social factors that promote obesity and limit cardiovascular health.

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Heather Provino
Managing Partner, Scanlon Group

Heather Provino is currently a managing partner of The Scanlon Group and a principal with Kiras Ventures. She has spent over two decades as a senior executive in healthcare including 12 years as the founder and CEO of Provant. Ms. Provino has played an active role on numerous boards for the American Heart Association, including serving as a member of the Founders Affiliate Board, a member and chairperson for the Southern New England Board, a member of the executive leadership team for Go Red for Women and chairperson for the Southern New England Heart Ball.



Vimal Ramjee, MD, CDH-E
Director, Cardiovascular CT Program, Memorial Hospital

Vimal Ramjee, MD, CDH-E is a cardiologist and health innovation leader serving as Division Board President-Elect of the American Heart Association and immediate past National Co-Chair of Cardiology & Innovation at CommonSpirit Health, the nation's largest nonprofit health system. He designed and scaled one of the country's largest AI- and deep learning-enabled coronary CT programs for early detection of coronary artery disease and founded one of the nation's largest aortic aneurysm registries. Dr. Ramjee also contributes to academic initiatives as faculty at Harvard University on Health Systems Innovation and advises digital health startups through several leading accelerators, including Techstars, HeartX, and MedAxiom, helping translate clinically validated solutions into real-world impact. His work centers on advancing innovative care models and responsible AI-enabled solutions to confront the world's leading health challenge—heart disease.



Sunil Saith, MD, MPH, FACP
Interventional Cardiologist, One Brooklyn Health

Sunil E. Saith, MD, MPH, is an Interventional Cardiologist within the Department of Cardiology at One Brooklyn Health in New York. He received his MD from the University of Minnesota. He completed an Internal Medicine residency at NYU School of Medicine in Brooklyn. He has completed four Cardiology Fellowships: General Cardiology at SUNY Downstate, Advanced Heart Failure at NYU, Cardiac Amyloidosis at Columbia University and Interventional Cardiology at the Jacobs School of Medicine, University of Buffalo. Additionally, Dr. Saith holds a Master of Public Health from the Keck School of Medicine at USC and was part of the first Global Clinical Scholars Research Training Program at Harvard Medical School.



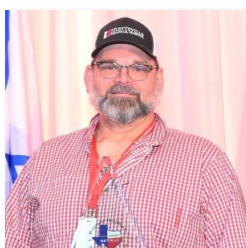
Farzan Sasangohar, PhD
Associate Professor, Industrial & Systems Engineering, Texas A&M University

Dr. Farzan Sasangohar is an Associate Professor of Industrial and Systems Engineering, and Environmental and Occupational Health at Texas A&M University. He is the co-author of Design for Health: Applications of Human Factors in Healthcare and has published more than 100 peer-reviewed journal publications. He currently serves as the Editor-in-Chief for Human Factors in Healthcare and as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (HFES) Annual Meeting. He has received several international research, teaching, and service awards including the Technical Innovations in IE and Hamed K. Eldin Outstanding Early Career IE in Academia Award from the Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers (IISE); Jack A. Kraft Innovator Award, William C. Howell Young Investigator Award, and Bentzi-Karsh Early-Career Service Award from HFES and Kingfar Young Researcher Award from the International Ergonomics Association (IEA). Dr. Sasangohar's research interests include user-centered design and evaluation of remote and continuous monitoring tools for workers' physical and mental health and performance in sociotechnical systems.

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**Erica Schorr, PhD, RN, FAHA****Associate Professor of Nursing, University of Minnesota**

Erica Schorr, PhD, RN, FAHA is Chair of the Adult and Gerontological Health Cooperative and Associate Professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Schorr has expertise in designing and testing exercise-based interventions that utilize mobile health technologies and behavioral strategies to assist individuals to adopt and sustain healthy behaviors, manage disease-related symptoms, reduce cardiovascular disease risk, and improve health-related quality of life.

**Joe Schorre, RRT, RCP****Director of Cardiopulmonary and Emergency Management, Zeto**

He serves as the Director of Cardiopulmonary and Emergency Management at Huntsville Memorial Hospital, where he leads innovative initiatives to advance patient care. Most notably, he directed the hospital's implementation of Zeto's rapid EEG solution—a breakthrough, gel-free system that can be set up by respiratory therapists in under five minutes. This technology makes brain monitoring simpler and more accessible, allowing hospitals to obtain complete EEG readings quickly without waiting on a specialist. By introducing this comfortable, patient-friendly headset at Huntsville Memorial, he has helped streamline critical diagnostics and enhance emergency response capabilities.

**Lee H. Schwamm, MD****Associate Dean for Digital Strategy and Transformation, Yale School of Medicine**

Dr. Lee H. Schwamm, MD is Associate Dean for Digital Strategy and Transformation for Yale School of Medicine, and Senior Vice President + Chief Digital Health Officer for Yale New Haven Health System. In this role, he is leading the development of a new digital health strategy for the school and the health system, and serves as an influential physician leader and an agent of change to catalyze the equitable adoption of virtual care and digital enablement throughout the enterprise.

**Courtney Scrubbs****2025 AHA Greater New Orleans Woman of Impact**

Courtney B. Scrubbs is a stroke survivor, community-health advocate, and Divisional General Counsel for the Diagnostics & Genomics division of LGC Group, where she bridges law, business, and public health to advance equitable outcomes. She is the founder of the Strategic Wellness Initiative, which partners with cultural institutions to bring heart-health resources directly into neighborhoods—most recently piloting the “Three Pillars” model (blood-pressure kiosks, AED placement with BLS training, and community education) at Ashe Cultural Arts Center in New Orleans, her hometown. A 2025 American Heart Association Woman of Impact honoree and member of the AHA Circle of Red, Courtney has mobilized funding and volunteers to expand access for women and families.

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**Azizi Seixas, PhD****Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, University of Miami**

Azizi Seixas, Ph.D. is the Interim Inaugural Chair of the Department of Informatics and Health Data Science, Founding Director of The Media and Innovation Lab (The MIL), Associate Director of the Center for Translational Sleep and Circadian Sciences (TSCS), and Director of Population Health Informatics within the Institute for Data Science and Computing at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. Dr. Seixas is a nationally recognized scientist and technology leader. He was named Cell Press' Top 100 Most Inspiring Black Scientists in America, 2022 Amazon's Education Champion Award, 2023 Miami's Most Influential and Powerful Black Business Leader, and 2024 South Florida's Black Educator of the Year, 2024 Tipping Point Award by T-Mobile.

**Rashmee Shah, MD****Adjunct Associate Professor, University of Utah, Clinical Research Scientist, Meta**

Dr. Rashmee Shah is a cardiologist and physician-scientist who is passionate about building tools that empower millions of people to take control of their cardiovascular health. With skills in clinical medicine, digital health, informatics, and computer programming, she is able to connect the unmet needs of healthcare delivery with the fast-paced innovation of artificial intelligence (AI) and the tech world.

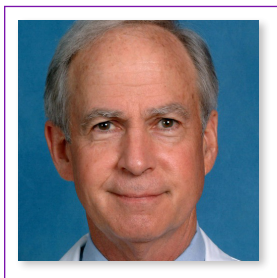
**Svati Shah, MD, MHS****Associate Dean for Translational Research and Director of the Duke Precision Genomics Collaboratory**

Dr. Svati H. Shah is a physician scientist and Associate Dean of Translational Research in the Duke School of Medicine; Director of the Duke Center for Precision Health; Co-Director of Translational Research in the Duke Molecular Physiology Institute; and Vice-Chief of Research and Director of the Adult Cardiovascular Genetics Clinic in the Division of Cardiology. She leads a translational lab focused on omics discovery for cardiometabolic disease pathways and biomarkers.

**Lee Shapiro, JD****Chairman of the Board, American Heart Association, Managing Partner, 7wire Ventures**

Lee Shapiro is the Co-Founder and Managing Partner of 7WireVentures, a prominent healthcare venture fund. A seasoned healthcare executive, he previously served as CFO of Livongo Health, where he led its 2019 IPO, a successful secondary offering, and its \$18.5B merger—one of the highest-valued exits in healthcare technology. He was also President of Allscripts from 2001 to 2012. Lee has served on the boards of several public and private healthcare companies, including Clover Health, Medidata Solutions, and Click Therapeutics, and continues to advise many 7Wire portfolio companies. He holds a JD from the University of Chicago and a BS in Accounting from the University of Illinois.

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Sidney C. Smith, Jr. MD, MACC, FAHA, FESC

Professor of Medicine, Heart and Vascular Center, University of North Carolina

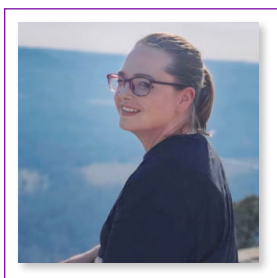
Dr Smith is Professor of Medicine/ Cardiology at the University of North Carolina. He is a Past President of the AHA and past President of the WHF. His academic focus has centered on the development of a broad spectrum of cardiovascular guideline statements. He has served as Chair of the ACC/AHA Task Force on CV Guidelines and Chair of NHLBI Executive Committee for the Integrated Guidelines for Prevention of CVD. He is a member of the 2025 ACC/AHA High Blood Pressure guideline Writing Committee.



Erin Spaulding, PhD, BSN, RN

Assistant Professor, John Hopkins School of Nursing

Erin Spaulding, PhD, RN is an Assistant Professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing; Associate Faculty in the Welch Center for Prevention, Epidemiology and Clinical Research at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; and Director of the Long-term Wearable Study Core in the ARIC Neurocognitive Study (ARIC NCS). She obtained her PhD at Johns Hopkins University after receiving her BSN from the University of New Hampshire and working as an intensive care unit nurse at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. She also completed a post-doctoral fellowship in Cardiovascular Epidemiology at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and Bloomberg School of Public Health.



Sarah Steinsiek

AHA Volunteer

Since losing her mom to heart disease at 53, Sarah has prioritized health and fitness.

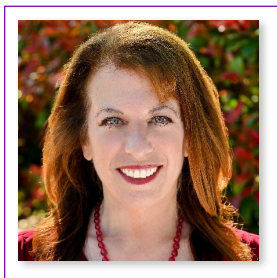


Geoff Strange, PhD

Medical Advisor, EchoIQ

Geoff Strange; Prof. Geoff Strange is a health researcher who has specialist interest in “Big Data”, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its application to further our understanding of a variety of Structural Heart Disease. Geoff is Professor within the Faculty of Medicine and Health at the University of Sydney and the School of Medicine, University of Notre Dame, Australia. Geoff is the Senior Academic lead for the burden of disease study (CHD) base at the Heart Research Institute Sydney and is a member of the cardiology research team at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney. Geoff is creator, Director and Chief Investigator of the National Echo Database of Australia and New Zealand (NEDA) – the largest mortality linked echocardiographic database in the world covering more than 45 specialist centres across Australia. Geoff has led several governmental initiatives that have resulted in significant translational outcomes for patients (including combination therapy funding for PAH and the National Action Plan on childhood heart disease after establishing the Congenial Heart Alliance of Australia and New Zealand; a research initiative spanning 15 centres across the region resulting in 27 M in funding for the National Action Plan on childhood heart disease from The Hon Minister Hunt).

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Lisa Suennen

Managing Partner, American Heart Association Ventures

Lisa Suennen, Managing Partner with AHA Ventures for the American Heart Association, has spent over 35 years in healthcare and technology as venture capitalist, entrepreneur, operating executive, and strategy consultant. She has worked broadly across healthcare and life sciences, and especially where these sectors converge with technology.



Ashoo Tandon, MD, MS, FAAP, FACC, FAHA

Pediatric Cardiologist, Director of Cardiovascular Innovation and Associate Staff at Cleveland Clinic Children's.

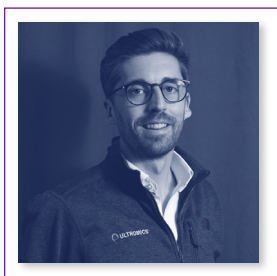
Dr. Tandon is a physician-scientist and healthcare innovator, who serves as Vice Chair for Innovation and Director of Cardiovascular Innovation at Cleveland Clinic Children's. His current research interests focus on: Using computational modeling and machine learning to derive novel imaging-based biomarkers to improve predictions in congenital heart disease; Using and designing wearable biosensors to generate novel physiologic information for high-risk patients (both inpatient and outpatient); Using artificial intelligence/machine learning/big data techniques on these data to generate actionable insights; Using virtual and augmented reality, and 3D printing, to improve surgical planning. He also advises companies looking to innovate in the wearable, congenital heart disease, and imaging spaces.



Ritu Thamman, MD, FAHA, FASE, FESC

Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

Dr. Thamman is a cardiologist and Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. She has served on the Board of Directors of the American Society of Echocardiography and was the co-chair of the Industry Round Table, a think tank for echocardiography and innovation. She was the founder and chair of ASE's Women in Echo and ASE's Twitter Journal Club. She is a member of the AHA's Health-Tech Advisory Group and served as ACC's Co-chair for telehealth standards for consumer devices. She served on the ACC's Women in Cardiology Leadership Council and founded the ACC's PA chapter of Women in Cardiology. Her research centers on using technology and community-based strategies to close gaps in cardiovascular care—particularly for women and marginalized populations focusing on the mitral valve and innovative implementation tools for cardiovascular disease. Some of her accolades include receiving the Carl R. Fuhrman Clinical Educator of the Year at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, AHA's Paul Dudley White Scholar Awardee, and delivering the Gerhard Hohenkerke Honorary Lecture at the DGK Echo Congress.



Ross Upton, PhD

Founder, CEO and Chief Science Officer at Ultromics

Dr. Ross Upton is Founder and Chief Scientific Officer of Ultromics and a clinical researcher at the University of Oxford. He is a leader in the development and clinical implementation of AI diagnostics for echocardiography, with multiple FDA-cleared modules for CAD, HFpEF, and cardiac amyloidosis. At Ultromics, Dr. Upton has driven the company's innovation strategy, securing 6 FDA clearances, 2 FDA breakthrough device designations, 2 CMS reimbursement codes, and over \$110 million in funding. He also co-chairs the AI Committee for the FNIH Heart Failure Accelerated Medicines Partnership, helping define new phenotypes for heart failure.

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**Rebecca Vigen, MD, MSPS, MPA****Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, UT Southwestern Medical Center**

Rebecca Vigen, M.D., M.S.C.S, M.P.A., is an Associate Professor of Internal Medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center and a member of its Division of Cardiology. She specializes in general cardiology and noninvasive imaging.

Dr. Vigen earned her medical degree at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center and completed internal medicine residency training and a fellowship in cardiovascular disease, both at UT Southwestern. She also completed a cardiovascular outcomes research fellowship and master's degree in clinical sciences at the University of Colorado and a master's degree in public administration at Syracuse University.

**Kris Vijay, MD, MS, FACC, FACP, FNLA, FHFS****Clinical Professor of Medicine, University of Arizona**

Kris Vijay, MD, MS, FACC, FNLA, FHFS is currently the Medical Director at Arizona Heart Foundation. He is a Heart Failure and preventive cardiologist, a lipidologist, fellowship trained in endocrinology, and nephrology, an ardent researcher, and an educator. Trained in India, England, and USA and with a Master's degree in clinical Research from University of Michigan, he has 30 plus years of clinical experience, investigator in 200 plus clinical studies and published 100 plus peer reviewed manuscripts.

**Patrick Wayte****SVP, Center for Health Technology & Innovation, American Heart Association**

Patrick Wayte is Senior Vice President of the AHA's Center for Health Technology and Innovation. In this role he leads integrated digital health initiatives across the health continuum – with a focus on secondary prevention, healthcare transition, chronic care, and the use and application of the AHA's science to digital platforms and technologies.

**Jeff Wessler, MD****CEO, Heartbeat Health**

Dr. Jeff Wessler, MD, MPhil, FACC, is a cardiologist and the founder and CEO of Heartbeat Health, a virtual-first cardiology company delivering evidence-based heart care across the U.S. A recognized leader in digital health innovation, Jeff has published widely in academic journals and the popular press, including Forbes, where he writes about the intersection of medicine and technology. He also holds an academic appointment at Northwell Health. Jeff is passionate about reimagining how heart care is delivered—and according to his kids, mostly spends his days “just talking to a computer.”

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**Heather Wilder****Managing Director, AHA Ventures, Studio Red**

AI-generated content may be incorrect. Heather Wilder, PhD, is an innovator, serial entrepreneur, and healthcare executive currently serving as Managing Director of AHA Ventures' Studio Red. Previously, Heather was the CEO of EvoEndo, a pediatric gastroenterology company, where she took their single-use transnasal endoscope from an early-stage prototype through FDA-clearance and commercial launch. Heather holds a PhD from the University of Colorado Boulder and a BS in Computer Science from the University of Washington. She is an alumna of Stanford Biodesign, MedTech Innovator, and the Ferolyn Fellowship through the Fogarty Institute of Innovation.

**Lindsey Williams, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, PHN, PMP****Director, Care at Home, Cedars-Sinai**

Dr. Lindsay Williams, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, PMP, PHN, is the Director of Cedars-Sinai @ Home, where she leads innovative initiatives to provide high-quality, patient-centered care in the home setting. With extensive experience in nursing, project management, and healthcare leadership, Lindsay excels in developing and implementing advanced care models that improve access and outcomes for vulnerable populations. In her dual role as both Nursing Director and Administrative Director, she has successfully integrated clinical and operational excellence, driving program growth and scalability. Lindsay is passionate about advancing virtual care, building collaborative teams, and shaping the future of remote patient monitoring and home healthcare delivery.

**Joseph C. Wu, MD, PhD, FAHA****Past president of the American Heart Association (AHA), Professor & Director, Stanford Cardiovascular Institute, Co-founder, Greenstone Biosciences**

Joseph C. Wu, MD, PhD is Director of Stanford Cardiovascular Institute and Simon H. Stertz, MD, Professor of Medicine and Radiology at Stanford University. Dr. Wu received his MD from Yale University and completed her medicine residency and cardiology at UCLA, along with his PhD (Molecular & Medical Pharmacology). His lab works on genomics, stem cells/organoids, AI/ML, and drug discovery. He is a past President of the American Heart Association (2023-2024).

**Francoise A. Marvel, MD****Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Johns Hopkins Division of Cardiology**

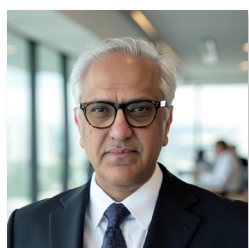
Dr. Francoise A. Marvel is an assistant professor of medicine in the Johns Hopkins Division of Cardiology. She is the creator of the medical app Corrie, aimed at improving the recovery of heart attack patients, and is leading a team of physicians, nurses, designers and engineers who are collaborating with Apple on the tool.

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Moin Hussaini
Chief Product Officer, AccurKardia

Moin Hussaini is Chief Product Officer at AccurKardia, an SaMD company developing FDA-cleared and AI-powered ECG analytics. He leads product strategy and clinical development for AccurKardia's cardiovascular diagnostics, including AK-AVS, an AI-ECG algorithm for early detection of aortic stenosis, and AK+ Guard, a remote monitoring solution for hyperkalemia. Both technologies have received FDA Breakthrough Device Designation, reflecting their potential to transform cardiovascular screening and home-based monitoring. Moin brings extensive experience in med-tech innovation and commercialization at Edwards Lifesciences, GE Healthcare, and other leading med-tech companies.



Tariq Qureshi, MBBS, MPH
Vice President, Service Lines | Healthcare Strategist | Hospital Transformation Leader

Dr. Tariq Qureshi is a physician executive who leads hospital strategy and service line transformation across major health systems, including Grady, Yale, and Emory. His expertise lies in building academically integrated Neurosciences and Heart & Vascular programs that strengthen outcomes and deliver community impact. His work translates innovation and research into scalable models of care.



Viet Le, PA
Associate Professor of Research, Preventive Cardiology

Viet is an Associate Professor of Research at Intermountain Health and Preventive Cardiology PA with over 20 years of practice. He has a bachelor's in exercise science/athletic training, a master's degree as a Physician Assistant from the University of Utah School of Medicine, and his Doctor of Medical Science in Health Professions Education from Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions. He co-directs the Preventive Cardiology Clinic at Intermountain Medical Center, Intermountain Health, and serves as an Investigator on multiple sponsored/investigator-initiated cardiovascular clinical trials. He has authored/co-authored over 50 publications. His current healthcare foci are patient-centered care, improved shared decision-making processes, cardiovascular-kidney-metabolic health, and preventive cardiology.

He is the past president of the Academy of PAs in Cardiology and Utah Academy of PAs, a past Co-Chair of the American College of Cardiology PA Work Group, and serves/has served on several ACC committees, and is the Editor-in-Chief of the ACC CardioSmart Committee.



Steve Ennen
Director, Client Partnership Strategy, Amplify

Steve has spent over 20 years helping organizations drive digital and data-driven transformation across industries. His journey started at the Wharton School, where he co-founded what's now the Wharton AI and Analytics Program and taught MBA students while advising companies on advanced analytics. He's launched businesses like SocialStrategy1, led transformation efforts at CENTRIS Marketing Science, and held senior roles at MJH Life Sciences and West Pharmaceutical Services. A sought-after speaker and thought leader, Steve has shared his expertise globally. At Amplify, Steve helps organizations leverage AnswerY™, an AI-informed HCP insights platform, to solve challenges and optimize decision-making.

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**Annemarie Tilton, MD****Director of Clinical Outcomes Research, Oura**

Annemarie Tilton, MD is Oura's Director of Clinical Outcomes Research, where she leads efforts to demonstrate how continuous, real-world data from Oura Ring can improve health and healthcare delivery. Her work focuses on generating clinical evidence that connects daily physiology to measurable outcomes, from reduced healthcare utilization to improved long-term wellbeing.

Before joining Oura, Dr. Tilton led medical strategy and clinical programs across multiple therapeutic areas, bridging biomedical research with emerging technologies that enable more personalized, data-driven care. Her experience spans drug development, medical devices, and digital health innovation. She contributes to advancing evidence-based approaches in emerging health technologies and is a frequent speaker on the evolving intersection of medicine, research, and technology.

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Charlie Charbonneau
RN, Northside Hospital

Charlie Charbonneau is a Critical Care Registered Nurse with a cardiology background in Atlanta, GA. Prior to caring for patients, he worked for a decade in Hollywood writing and producing primetime drama TV shows and assisting prolific producer Kevin Williamson. His diagnosis with Hodgkin's Lymphoma compelled him to change careers and pursue nursing. He is an avid runner and soccer player and is now working toward a Doctorate of Nursing Practice at Georgia State University while full time at the bedside in an ICU.



Steven Menkin
Converging Health

Software Engineer living in Dallas with a passion in AI and health.



Sami Farooqui
Student, Baylor College of Medicine | Lead Research Coordinator, Cena Research Institute

Sami Farooqui is a first-year medical student at Baylor College of Medicine and the Lead Research Coordinator at Cena Research Institute, where he leads inclusive, community-based clinical research focused on social determinants of health and equitable care delivery. He also serves in committee roles for academic conferences and is actively involved in peer and youth mentorship. His interests include global health, narrative medicine, and advancing health equity for historically marginalized populations.



Yulissa Delgado
Lead Clinical Coordinator, Cena Research Institute

Yulissa Delgado is a graduate of the University of Houston and a Lead Clinical Coordinator at Cena Research Institute. Yulissa is applying to medical school with a focus on advocating for underrepresented populations.

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Emad Khalid

Undergraduate Public Health Student at Texas A&M University and Clinical Researcher at Cena Research Institute

An aspiring physician seeking to advance research at the intersection of public health and clinical medicine through innovative technologies.



Daphne Canales

Student Researcher at Cena Research Institute

Daphne Canales is a graduate of the University of Houston and a student researcher at Cena Research Institute. Daphne is applying to Physician Assistant school with a focus on advocating underrepresented populations.



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