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SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS 2026

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November 6 – 9, 2026

SHAPING WHAT'S NEXT IN HEALTH — TOGETHER

Welcome to the 2026 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.



Opening Session: Designing and Deploying Real-World AI Agents

9:15 am – 9:45 am

Live Demo: Watch Dr. Michal Nedoszytko, whose Postvisit.ai earned top honors at Anthropic's 2026 hackathon, he will build an AI Agent live, showing how a clinician can turn a real healthcare problem into working software with AI.

9:15 - 9:45

Michał Nedoszytko, MD, PhD, Clinician Scientist, Abridge

The State of Health Innovation 2026

9:50 am – 10:25 am

Panel: AI is moving fast. Healthcare isn't. Explore the friction points, breakthroughs and realities shaping AI's role in care delivery.

9:50 - 10:25

Moderator: Mintu Turakhia, MD, MAS, Chief Medical & Scientific Officer, iRhythm Technologies

Panelists:

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

Jeff Wessler, MD, MPhil, FACC, CEO, Heartbeat Health

David E. Albert, MD, Founder, AliveCor

Rashmee Shah, MD, MS, Ex-Meta, University of Utah School of Medicine



Innovation Lab: Where Are They Now

10:30 am – 11:00 am

Innovation Lab: Come meet the past Health Tech Competition winners as they share the pivotal moments, lessons learned and milestones along their journey to commercialization.

10:30 - 11:00	Moderator: Vimal Ramjee, MD, CommonSpirit Health
	Panelists:
	Veera Anantha, PhD, CEO, Constant Therapy
	Michael Martonak, Commercial Lead, Powerful Medical
	Atandra Burman, Founder & CEO, RCE Technologies
	Michalis Papadakis, Co-Founder & CEO, Brainomix

Stump the Doctor Returns - Human vs. Machine: The Great Clinical Debate

11:00 am – 11:30 am

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11:00 - 11:30	Moderator: Pierre Elias, MD, Assistant Professor, Division of Cardiology & 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
	Kris Vijay, MD, MS, FACC, FACP, FNLA, FHFSA, Clinical Professor of Medicine, University of Arizona



Health Tech Competition Round 1: Live Pitch + Live Feedback

11:35 am – 12:55 pm

Competition: Don't miss five Health Tech Competition finalists as they showcase the science, evidence and outcomes behind the innovations poised to shape the future of cardiovascular care and beyond.

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Introduction: Nancy Brown, CEO, American Heart Association

Moderator: Sharon Langshur, MD, Principal Consultant, Cullom

Finalists:

HEARTio, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

MedRhythms, Portland, Maine

MEGI, Chicago, Illinois

Seerlinq, Bratislava, Slovakia

Vascudyne, St. Paul, Minnesota

Judges:

Catherine Liao, Chief Strategy & Commercial Officer, CONNEQT Health

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

Bernardo Perez-Villa, MD, MSc, VP Medical Affairs, Hello Heart

Eric D. Peterson, MD, MPH, Vice Provost & Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Research
Professor of Medicine, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

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

Lisa Suennen, Managing Partner, American Heart Association Ventures

Joseph C. Wu, MD, PhD, FAHA, 2023-2024 American Heart Association Volunteer President,
Director of the Stanford Cardiovascular Institute and the Simon H. Stertzer, MD, Professor of
Medicine and Radiology at Stanford University.

Orson Xu, Assistant Professor, Columbia



Meet the ARPA-H Awardees: Building the 'AI Cardiologist'

1:00 pm – 1:55 pm

Panel: The Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) ADVOCATE awardees are building AI-clinician extenders designed to expand access to cardiology expertise for heart failure patients while augmenting, not replacing, clinical judgment. Hear how these teams are tackling:

- Development, validation, and regulation
- Evaluation and monitoring
- Trust and implementation

1:00 - 1:55

Moderator: Haider Warraich, MD, Program Manager (General Partner), ARPA-H

Panelists:

Ankeet Bhatt, MD, MBA, ScM, Cardiologist & Investigator, Kaiser Permanente

Roxana Daneshjou, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor, Stanford University

Rahul Deo, MD, PhD, Co-Founder & Chief Product Officer, Atman Health

Brandon Fornwalt, MD, PhD, Senior Vice President of Cardiology, Tempus AI

Raj Manrai, PhD, Associate Professor in the Department of Biomedical Informatics at Harvard Medical School

Manesh Patel, MD, Division Chief, Cardiology, Duke University

Sharif Vakili, MD, MBA, MS, CEO, UpDoc



Basic Science + Clinical Translation

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Panel: Explore how new science and AI can bridge the gap between discovery and care, creating meaningful impact for patients and long-term research alike.

2:00 – 2:30

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

Panelists:

Ritu Thamman, MD, FASE, FACC, Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

Zakaria Almuwaqqat, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor & Clinician-Investigator, Rutgers RWJBarnabas Health

Michele Graham, President, Amplity

Bridging Innovation and Practice: Turning Digital Health Innovation into Action

2:35 pm – 3:15 pm

Live: See how digital health innovation moves from measurement to meaningful behavior change, transforming patient data into real-time insights, actionable interventions and better outcomes.

2:35 – 3:15

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

Panelists:

Mike Freedman, MD, Oura, Clinical Director Heart Health

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



Innovators' Network Innovation Showcase

3:25 pm – 4:15 pm

Innovation Showcase: Facilitated by an expert moderator, this fast-paced discussion will spark dynamic exchanges between innovators and an Expert Bench of healthcare leaders, exploring market potential, adoption, scalability and patient impact.

3:25 - 4:15

Moderator: Francoise Marvel, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Cardiology, Johns Hopkins University

Innovators:

Saksham Arya, CardioFlow Design

Avinesh (Avi) Bhar, MD, MBA, Sliip

David Playford, MBBS, PhD, FRACP, FCSANZ, FESC, FACC, EchoiQ

Larry Kramer, President, PharmaSmart International

Alyssa Morales, HealthSeers

Sameer Sontakey, Co-Founder & Chief AI Officer, SensorBio

Matt Budoff, MD, FACC, FAHA, CureMetrix

Expert Bench:

Steven Pickett, CEO, Tabia

Ross Arena, PhD, FAHA, FAACVPR, University of Illinois - Chicago

Eric V. Jackson, Jr., MD, MBA, Chair, Masimo Health Equity Advisory Board

Peter J. Fitzgerald, MD, PhD, Professor Emeritus Medicine & Engineering, Stanford University Medical Center, Co-founder and Managing partner, Triventures

Arpita Goyal, MPH, Yale, Product Strategist, Nivira Health



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8





From Prediction to Action: Neuro-Symbolic AI in Cardiovascular Innovation, A Case Study from Kanza.ai

9:20 am – 9:40 am

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Moderator: Joseph Villa, Founder, Bigbee Labs

Jeet Kaul, Co-Founder & SVP Architecture and Infrastructure, Kanza AI

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Eric Topol, MD, Executive Vice-President, Scripps Research

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

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

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

Fireside Chat: Preparing the Clinician of the Future

10:30 am – 11:00 am

Fireside Chat: Engage with experts to explore the skills, technologies and mindset needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving healthcare landscape.

10:30 - 11:00

Erin Spaulding, PhD, BSN, RN, Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins School of Nursing

Alan Go, MD, Associate Director of Analytics, Kaiser Permanente



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	Vascudyne , St. Paul, Minnesota
	Judges:
	Asif Ali, MD , Clinical Associate Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine, University of Texas Medical School at Houston, Director, Cena Research Institute
	Craig Beam , President, Beam & Associates
	Alan Go, MD , Director, Solutions through Technology and Advanced Analytics Research (STAR) Group; Associate Director (Cardiovascular, Kidney & Metabolic Health Research) at Kaiser Permanente Division of Research
	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
	Star Jones , National Volunteer, American Heart Association
	Gennaro Maida, MS , CEO and Chief Medical Information Officer, Denovo Innovations Group
	Ken Nelson , Partner, Med Tech Innovators Advantage Fund
	Lee Shapiro, JD , Chairman of the Board, American Heart Association, Managing Partner, 7wire Ventures



AHA Presidential Session 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Bedside Intelligence

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Panel: How AI and data science are transforming diagnosis, triage, and treatment at the point of care.

3:00 - 3:30

Moderator: Alan Go, MD, Director, Solutions through Technology and Advanced Analytics Research (STAR) Group; Associate Director (Cardiovascular, Kidney & Metabolic Health Research) at Kaiser Permanente Division of Research

Panelists:

Akash Patel, MD, Cardiology Fellow University of Chicago

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

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



MedTech Innovator and Venture Innovation Showcase

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Innovators:

Ryan Bokan, Founder & CEO, Prima Medical

Richard Chambers, MSc oxon, Founder & CEO, ChamberTech

Ida Garakani Good, MA Psy, Founder & CEO, Cerevia Neurosciences

Christoff Heunis, PhD, Founder & CEO, Flux Robotics

Sahar Jalal, PhD, Founder & CEO, Lucentia

Joanne Kanaan, PhD, Co-Founder & CEO, Omini

Deepak Kotak MD, Co-Founder & Chief Medical Officer, Eupnoos

Eric Mintz, CEO, Envera Medical

Expert Bench:

Jared Magnani, MD, MSc, Professor of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh

Francoise Marvel, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Johns Hopkins Medicine

Greg Nagy, Chief Operating Officer, MD Disrupt

Arooshi Kumar, MD, Assistant Professor & Attending Physician, RUSH University Medical Center

Peter J. Fitzgerald, MD, PhD, Professor Emeritus Medicine & Engineering, Stanford University Medical Center, Co-Founder and Managing partner, Triventures



Health Tech Competition Awards & Audience Choice Winner

4:15 pm - 4:30 pm

Competition: Celebrate the innovators shaping the future of healthcare as competition winners are recognized and the audience-selected favorite is revealed.

4:15 - 4:30

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Star Jones, National Volunteer, American Heart Association

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9



Beyond the Pitch: The Real Economics of AI in Cardiovascular Care

9:15 am – 9:40 am

Panel: Every AI vendor promises value. But what does AI actually cost and deliver once it enters clinical workflow? This candid discussion brings together developers, health system leaders, and independent evaluators to examine ROI, staffing, risk, and the real economics of AI in medicine.

9:15 – 9:40

Moderator: Ambarish Pandey, MD, Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine at UT Southwestern

Panelists:

Leah Hobson, VP Finance, Northwestern Medicine Palos Hospital

Amir Hasan, COO, Ultromics

Hak Lee, MD, FAHA, CMO, Medical AI

Where Health Begins

9:45 am – 10:25 am

Panel: Community health leaders and clinicians discuss how trust, culture and access shape outcomes long before a clinical encounter.

9:45 – 10:25

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

Panelists:

Heather Baker, EdD, Sudden Cardiac Arrest survivor, mom to a son with a congenital heart defect, and the Director of Teaching & Learning for Rockton School District

Jeff Bennett, Chief Strategy & Innovation Officer, Modivcare

David A. Alter, MD, PhD, MBA, FRCPC, Cardiologist/Associate Professor of Medicine, Institute for Health Policy, Management & Evaluation, University of Toronto



Innovation Lab: Trusted Content in Action

10:30 am – 11:10 am

Innovation Lab: Engage with experts for a hands-on session showing how AHA CarePlans move from guidelines to digital tools to daily life.

10:30 - 11:10	Moderator: Joseph Villa , Founder, Bigbee Labs
	Ashley Yesayan , Founder & CEO, One Village
	Jacob Peters , Founder, SuperPower
	Michael Lepow , VP Integrated Marketing, Sharecare

Closing Fireside: Commitments for the Next Century

12:00 pm – 12:45 pm

Fireside Chat: Early-career clinicians, founders, and researchers share what they see coming and what legacy systems need to unlearn.

12:00 - 12:45	Moderator: Tiffany Powell-Wiley, MD, MPH, FAHA , Earl Stadtman Investigator, Chief of the Social Determinants of Obesity and Cardiovascular Risk Laboratory, NHLBI
	Uday Kumar, MD , Founder & Senior Advisor, Element Science, Inc.

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David E. Albert, MD
Founder, AliveCor

Dr. David E. Albert, MD, is a physician, inventor, and serial entrepreneur with over 30 years of experience creating life-saving technologies. He is a founder of AliveCor, InnovAlarm, and Lifetone Technology, following previous successful exits including Data Critical (acquired by GE) and Corazonix Corp. Former Chief Scientist of GE Cardiology, Dr. Albert holds 80 U.S. patents and has published over 100 scientific works in cardiology literature. He graduated with honors from Harvard College and received his medical degree from Duke University.



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

Dr. Asif Ali, MD is a Houston-based cardiologist and med-tech strategist whose work spans clinical care, research, and healthcare innovation. He holds leadership roles at Houston Cardiology Consultants, McGovern Medical School, University of Houston Medical School, Cena Research Institute, and Cena Consultants, where he advances inclusive research, digital health adoption, and patient-centered care models. He is a member of the Health Tech Advisory Group for the AHA Center for Health Technology & Innovation.



Zakaria Almuwaqqat, MD, MPH
Assistant Professor & Clinician-Investigator, Rutgers RWJBarnabas Health

Zakaria Almuwaqqat, MD, MPH, is an interventional cardiologist and clinician-investigator who has served as Assistant Professor at Emory University and at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. His research focuses on cardiovascular risk prediction, mental stress-induced ischemia, lipid biology, and the integration of artificial intelligence into diagnostic precision and outcomes research, with publications in JAMA, JAMA Cardiology, JAMA Network Open, and ATVB. He works to translate these findings into better risk stratification and more precise cardiovascular care.



David A. Alter, MD, PhD, MBA, FRCPC
Cardiologist/Associate Professor of Medicine, Institute for Health Policy,
Management & Evaluation, University of Toronto

David Alter is a cardiologist and population health scientist whose work spans clinical epidemiology, health services research, cardiovascular prevention, and health-system innovation. A PhD-trained clinical epidemiologist, he has published more than 180 peer-reviewed studies on cardiovascular risk, prevention, population health, health-system performance, and patient outcomes. He is the founder of My Heart Fitness. His work integrates clinical medicine, behavioural science, and health-system design to help healthcare systems prescribe, activate, monitor and measure physical activity as a therapeutic intervention.

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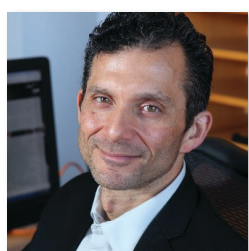
Veera Anantha, PhD
CEO, Constant Therapy

Veera Anantha is a hands-on technology executive and digital health leader with a passion to positively change healthcare using technology and AI. He is the Founder & CEO of Constant Therapy Health, a digital health company that has enabled over 700k patients living with neurological conditions to get AI-driven cognitive and speech therapy at home. Throughout his career, Veera has held executive positions at Fortune 100 companies. He has successfully led the development of innovative products at startups, including at a company acquired by Apple, that developed the world's fastest digital signal processor. He began his career as a Lead Engineer at Motorola developing mobile software and hardware products.



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

Efsthathia "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.



Ross Arena, PhD, FAHA, FAACVPR
University of Illinois - Chicago

Dr. Arena is a Professor at University of Illinois Chicago, Visiting Scholar at HealthPartners Institute, and Member of the Roundtable on Obesity Solutions at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. He received his Ph.D. in Physiology in 2001 from the Medical College of Virginia/Virginia Commonwealth University. Dr. Arena has over 10 years of experience as an academic leader. He has been instrumental in the successful implementation of several innovative healthy living initiatives in the academic, clinical and community settings and founded the Healthy Living for Pandemic Event Protection (HL-PIVOT) network in 2020.



Mary Ann Bauman, MD
Primary Care Physician and Longtime Volunteer/Advocate for the American Heart Association

Mary Ann Bauman, MD is the former Medical Director of Women's Health and Community Relations at Integris Health, Oklahoma City, OK. She received her MD degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine and completed her Internal Medicine residency at Harper Hospital, a Wayne State University/WSU Affiliated Hospital. She is a primary care internist who has practiced in both academic and private settings.

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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 serving on the ABIM Cardiology Council. He has been very active in digital health and venture capital related to promoting using technology to improve health access and outcomes. He is a member of the Board of Allhealth, which is the Venture Capital fund for the Hospital Association of Southern California, is ViceChair of the Oversight Committee for Digital and Health Tech Research Fund that is supported by the AHA.



Jeff Bennett
Chief Strategy & Innovation Officer, Modivcare

Jeff Bennett is President of the Monitoring division at Modivcare, a technology-enabled healthcare services company, and the company's Chief Strategy Officer. 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. Mr. 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.



Avinesh "Avi" Bhar, MD, MBA
SLIIP

Dr. Avinesh "Avi" Bhar, MD, MBA, is a triple board-certified physician in pulmonary medicine, critical care, and sleep medicine, and the founder and CEO of SLIIP, a virtual specialist practice focused on sleep and pulmonary care.



Ankeet S. Bhatt, MD, MBA, ScM
Cardiologist & Investigator, Kaiser Permanente

Dr. Ankeet S. Bhatt, MD, MBA, ScM is a cardiologist and critical care physician specializing in clinical trials and care delivery transformation in cardiovascular-kidney-metabolic diseases. Dr. Bhatt is currently senior physician and research scientist at the Kaiser Permanente San Francisco Medical Center and Division of Research. He holds an adjunct professorship in the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine at the Stanford University School of Medicine. He has authored more than 180 peer-reviewed manuscripts and serves on the trial leadership committees of several ongoing cardiometabolic clinical trials.

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Alexander J. "AJ" Blood, MD, MSc, FACC

Cardiologist, Intensivist and Clinical Research, Brigham and Women's Hospital

Dr. Alexander J. "AJ" Blood is a Physician-scientist, clinical trialist, and digital health innovator working at the forefront of cardiometabolic disease, critical care, and AI in healthcare. He is a Cardiologist and Critical Care Attending at Brigham and Women's Hospital and an instructor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Blood also serves as Senior Clinical Investigator at the Mass General Brigham Data Science Office and Director of the Accelerator for Clinical Transformation research group. He co-founded and serves as CEO of AlwithCare, a company using generative AI to transform clinical trials and clinical care.



Ryan Bokan

Founder & CEO, Prima Medical

Ryan Bokan is an entrepreneur passionate about building innovative companies and technologies that add differentiated value to the market. Over the past 10 years I have innovated in the Cardiac Electrophysiology (EP) sector. He led Research and Clinical to develop novel software solutions and demonstrate clinical value via a multi-center clinical study, co-led product development towards a Class II Medical Device 510k FDA approval, and led the initial product launch in Europe, Asia, and the United States. His past company, Cardiolsight, sold to Medtronic in 2015. Ryan is actively leveraging this experience to build novel solutions that add differentiated value to improve cardiac ablation outcomes and the procedure workflow.



Matt Budoff, MD, FACC, FAHA

CureMetrix

Matthew Jay Budoff, MD, FACC, FAHA, is a professor of medicine at David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and the Endowed Chair of Preventive Cardiology at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. Dr. Budoff is a graduate of University of California at Riverside (BS) and graduated a member of Alpha Omega Alpha from George Washington University School of Medicine (MD). Dr. Budoff has authored or coauthored more than 50 books and book chapters and more than 1000 articles.



Atandra Burman

Founder & CEO, RCE Technologies

Atandra Burman is the Founder and CEO of RCE (rce.ai), an AI-driven medical technology company focused on early heart attack detection through non-invasive, wearable sensor technology. Inspired to innovate following the loss of his father to a silent heart attack, he draws on an extensive background spanning software engineering at tech leaders like Overstock.com, Yahoo! and Micron Technology, executive product leadership at Y Media Labs, and a foundation in electrical/computer engineering from Purdue University. Under his guidance, RCE has earned prominent industry recognition for transforming acute cardiac care and remote biomarker monitoring.

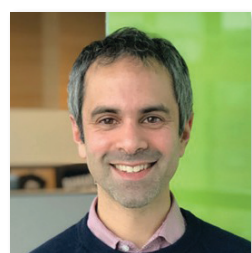
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**Richard Chambers, MSc oxon****Founder & CEO, ChamberTech**

Richard Chambers is an Oxford University graduate and electrophysiology specialist with over 15 years of MedTech industry experience, spanning early-stage development through to commercialisation. Richard has held senior roles at St. Jude Medical and Acutus Medical, where he helped launch and scale AFib technologies across Europe and the US. He holds an MSc in Physiology from Oxford and has built an extensive global network of leading electrophysiologists and clinical experts.

**Roxana Daneshjou, MD, PhD****Assistant Professor, Stanford University**

Roxana Daneshjou, MD, PhD, FAAD, is an Assistant Professor of Biomedical Data Science and Dermatology at Stanford University School of Medicine, with a courtesy appointment in Radiology. Her research focuses on developing and evaluating artificial intelligence for healthcare, including multimodal and generative AI, medical imaging, and methods to improve the generalizability and safety of clinical AI systems. She has received national recognition for her work, including the 2024 American Academy of Dermatology Young Investigator Award and recognition as a 2026 Fierce 50 honoree for Healthcare Innovation.

**Rahul Deo, MD, PhD****Co-Founder & Chief Product Officer, Atman Health**

Rahul Deo is the co-founder and Chief Medical Officer/Chief Product Officer at Atman Health and board certified in both internal medicine and cardiology. Dr. Deo earned his medical degree from Cornell University Medical College and PhD in molecular biophysics from the Rockefeller University. Most recently, he was an associate physician in the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Dr. Deo is a pioneer in the application of artificial intelligence to the practice of medicine: His research has prioritized integrating experimental and computational approaches to address problems of heterogeneity in cardiovascular disease.

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

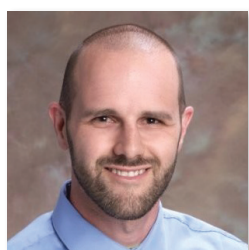
Pierre Elias is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Cardiology and the Department of Biomedical Informatics at Columbia University Irving Medical Center, where he practices as a general cardiologist. He is also the Medical Director for Artificial Intelligence at NewYork-Presbyterian. He runs CRADLE, the Center for Cardiovascular and Radiologic Deep Learning, which develops AI technologies for medical imaging to improve the detection and management of cardiovascular disease. CRADLE has screened over 1 million patients for cardiovascular disease using AI in nearly a dozen clinical trials and programs. Dr. Elias received his medical degree at Duke University School of Medicine in North Carolina.

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**Peter J. Fitzgerald, MD, PhD**

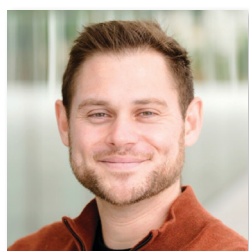
**Professor Emeritus Medicine & Engineering, Stanford University Medical Center,
Co-Founder and Managing partner, Triventures**

Dr. Peter Fitzgerald is the Director of the Center for Cardiovascular Technology and the Cardiovascular Core Analysis Laboratory (CCAL) at Stanford University School of Medicine. He is an interventional cardiologist and holds a PhD in engineering. He is a professor in both the Department of Medicine and the Department of Engineering (by courtesy) at Stanford. Dr. Fitzgerald has led or participated in more than 175 clinical trials, has published more than 550 manuscripts and book chapters, and lectures worldwide.

**Brandon Fornwalt, MD, PhD**

Senior Vice President of Cardiology, Tempus AI

Dr. Fornwalt graduated from the University of South Carolina Honors College in 2002 with an undergraduate degree in mathematics and marine science. He then worked in a free medical clinic for a year before starting an MD/PhD program at Emory and Georgia Tech. He completed an internship in pediatrics at Boston Children's Hospital before becoming an Assistant Professor at the University of Kentucky. In 2021, Dr. Fornwalt started a position at Tempus AI as the Senior Vice President of Cardiology where he currently leads the scientific and clinical teams.

**Mike Freedman, MD**

Oura, Clinical Director Heart Health

Mike Freedman, MD, MPhil is Oura's Clinical Director of Heart Health, where he leads the strategic vision for cardiovascular health experiences across product, science, and clinical research. Dr. Freedman bridges the gap between complex cardiovascular pathophysiology and digital innovation to ensure Oura's heart health capabilities are scientifically rigorous, trusted, and deeply human-centered.

**Marat Fudim, MD, MHS**

Heart Failure Cardiologist, Duke University Medical Center

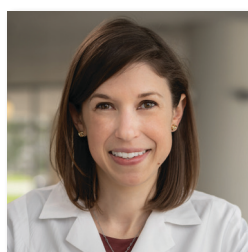
Marat Fudim, MD, MHS, is an Associate Professor of Medicine at Duke University and a heart failure cardiologist with a focus on digital health, remote patient monitoring, and novel models of cardiovascular care. He serves as Director of Digital Health at the Duke Clinical Research Institute and leads Duke's Heart Failure Remote Monitoring and Device Clinics. His research spans implantable hemodynamic sensors, digital biomarkers, AI-enabled care, and patient-directed strategies for managing congestion and chronic heart failure. Dr. Fudim has led and participated in numerous NIH- and industry-sponsored studies evaluating remote monitoring technologies and new care-delivery models.

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**Alan S. Go, MD**

Director, Solutions through Technology and Advanced Analytics Research (STAR) Group;
Associate Director (Cardiovascular, Kidney & Metabolic Health Research) at Kaiser
Permanente Division of Research

Alan S. Go, MD is a physician-scientist at the Kaiser Permanente Northern California Division of Research, where he serves as Associate Director and leads the Cardiovascular, Kidney, and Metabolic Health (CKM) Research Section. Dr. Go is an internationally recognized leader in generating real-world evidence to improve CKM health through the use of large-scale electronic health record data, advanced analytics, and randomized controlled trials. His research focuses on the evaluation and implementation of digital health technologies, including artificial intelligence-enabled tools, remote monitoring platforms, and technology-enabled care models.

**Jessica Golbus MD, MS**

Assistant Professor, University of Michigan

Jessica Golbus MD, MS is an Assistant Professor within the Section of Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology at the University of Michigan. Dr. Golbus is actively engaged in clinical practice in the areas of heart failure, heart transplantation, and mechanical circulatory support. Her research focuses on the use of mobile health technologies for longitudinal cardiovascular disease management and in optimizing chronic disease management strategies for patients with heart failure. Her research has been supported by the NIH, NSF, and PCORI.

**Ida Garakani Good, MA Psy**

Founder & CEO, Cerevia Neurosciences

Ida Garakani Good serves as Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer at Cerevia Neurosciences, an innovative neurotechnology company pioneering AI-enabling closed-loop fMRI-guided neuromodulation to transform dementia care. In this role, she leads fundraising, investor engagement, clinical and commercialization strategy, and operational execution to prepare the company for clinical trials and scale in a \$200B+ US market.

**Arpita Goyal, MPH**

Yale, Product Strategist, TruLogik

Dr. Arpita Goyal is a product strategist with a background in medicine and an MPH from Yale. She brings experience across healthcare AI, digital health, innovation, and market strategy, with a focus on evaluating emerging technologies for their clinical value, scalability, market potential, and broader impact.

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Michele Graham
President, Amplity

Michele Graham leads Amplity's office of the CEO as Chief of Staff, Enterprise Performance and Intelligence, translating strategy into measurable results for maximum client impact. In addition, she leads the Intel business line and our AI platform, AnswerY™. Her expertise spans the public, private, and not-for-profit sectors, with a focus on helping clients leverage information to creatively solve business challenges and improve patient care. Under Michele's leadership, AnswerY delivers actionable commercialization insights powered by proprietary AI and NLP, to offer real-time intelligence for optimizing commercial, medical, and real-world data strategies. Michele holds a BS and MS in Education from The College of Saint Rose and a CAS in Educational Research from the University at Albany.



Nate Gross
Head of Health, OpenAI

Dr. Nate Gross is the Head of Health at OpenAI. He previously co-founded Doximity and Rock Health. He graduated from the Emory University School of Medicine with an MD, Harvard Business School with an MBA, and Claremont McKenna College with a BA in Government. He serves as affiliated faculty for the Clinical Informatics Fellowship at Stanford.



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

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 includes evaluating antithrombotic therapies to treat acute ischemic heart disease and to minimize the acute complications of percutaneous coronary procedures and upon improving 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.



Amir Hasan
COO, Ultromics

Amir Hasan is an accomplished healthcare technology executive with more than 25 years of experience in healthcare informatics, business creation, innovation strategy and global commercial leadership. As Chief Operating Officer of Ultromics, he is introducing first of kind AI-based clinical diagnostics that identify disease from Echo Ultrasounds, scaling the Ultromics business from Seed to Series C. Previously, Amir held senior leadership roles at Philips, including Global General Manager of Cardiology Informatics, where he drove significant growth, secured major international contracts and helped achieve Best in KLAS recognition. Amir holds a Masters in Chemical Engineering from Imperial College London and postgraduate Advanced Management from INSEAD.

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**Sean Heffron, MD**

Assistant Professor at NYU School of Medicine

At the Center for the Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease, Sean Heffron works with a team whose expertise spans cardiovascular health in lipid disorders, metabolic syndrome, diabetes, women's heart health, thrombotic disorders, nutrition, stress reduction and exercise. His research focuses on the ramifications of obesity on cardiovascular health. Specifically, Sean studies how cardiovascular disease risk factors are altered after bariatric surgery. His research is funded by the National Institutes of Health, the American Heart Association, the American Medical Association Foundation, and the NYU-HHC Clinical and Translational Science Institute.

**Christoff Heunis, PhD**

Founder & CEO, Flux Robotics

Dr. Christoff Heunis is Founder and CEO of Flux Robotics, a vascular robotics company developing magnetic guidewire-tip control for endovascular procedures. Flux uses an external robotic magnet to steer and stabilize the guidewire at the tip, starting with fEVAR cannulation before expanding into blocked artery navigation. Christoff holds a PhD in surgical robotics from the University of Twente and leads a multidisciplinary team spanning robotics, clinical development, medtech and regulatory affairs. Flux has completed preclinical validation in the US and Europe and was selected for MedTech Innovator and the American Heart Association program.

**Leah Hobson**

VP Finance, Northwestern Medicine Palos Hospital

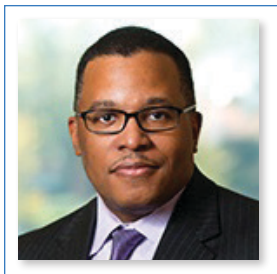
Leah Hobson is the vice president of Finance at Northwestern Memorial HealthCare. She has an extensive background in finance, with degrees from Stanford University and University of Pennsylvania, as well as experience in banking at JPMorgan Chase & Co. She has been with Northwestern Medicine for 12 years.

**Nino Isakadze, MD, MHS**

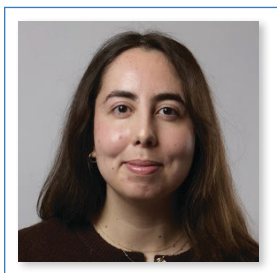
Assistant Professor of Medicine, Cardiac Electrophysiology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Faculty, Ciccarone Center for Prevention of CVD, Director, Center of the Electrophysiology Clinical Trials, Director, Atrial Fibrillation Clinic

Nino is a cardiac electrophysiologist at Johns Hopkins. She directs the Johns Hopkins Atrial Fibrillation Clinic and the Johns Hopkins Electrophysiology Clinical Trials Center. She graduated from David Tvaldiani Medical University, Tbilisi, Georgia. Nino subsequently completed Cardiology and Electrophysiology fellowships at the Johns Hopkins University. She was selected as an American Heart Association Health Technology and Innovation Strategically Focused Research Network Fellow and completed a Master of Health Science degree in clinical investigation at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

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**Eric V. Jackson Jr., MD, MBA****Chair, Masimo Health Equity Advisory Board**

Eric V. Jackson Jr., MD, MBA, is a physician executive and Chair of the Health Equity Advisory Board at Masimo, a noninvasive patient monitoring company, where he previously served as Chief Medical Officer and Senior Vice President of Medical Affairs. He was Enterprise Chief Innovation Officer at Nemours Children's Health, where he established the system's Advanced Care at Home program and co-chaired its Innovation Council. A pediatric anesthesiologist trained at Johns Hopkins, he served on its faculty and directed the Center for Immersive Simulation and Telemedicine. He has served on advisory panels for the National Academy of Medicine and the National Science Foundation, and is Principal of Jackson Consulting Services, advising on health equity, clinical evidence, and technology adoption.

**Sahar Jalal, PhD****Founder & CEO, Lucentia**

Dr. Sahar Jalal, PhD, is the Founder and CEO of Lucentia, a Weill Cornell spinout developing AI that derives CCTA-equivalent coronary diagnostics from routine non-contrast cardiac CT. She earned her PhD in Aerospace Engineering and Mechanics from the University of Minnesota, followed by five years of postdoctoral research in cardiac imaging at Weill Cornell Medicine/New York Presbyterian. Her work has focused on coronary imaging, hemodynamics, and multimodal CT-histopathology methods that form the scientific foundation for Lucentia. She is currently leading the company through multi-site clinical validation and regulatory development.

**Michael Joachim****President, General Manager, Sharecare**

Michael Joachim serves as President and General Manager of Life Sciences at Sharecare, where he leads the development and commercialization of innovative health solutions that connect life sciences organizations, healthcare professionals, and consumers. His work includes the commercial development of CareView 3D and You by Sharecare, interactive resources designed to elevate clinical practice and support meaningful conversations between healthcare professionals and their patients. Michael brings extensive leadership experience across healthcare and media, with a focus on bringing together technology, clinical education, and creative problem-solving to address real-world needs across the healthcare journey.

**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.

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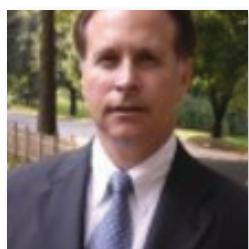
Joanne Kanaan, PhD
Co-Founder & CEO, Omini

Joanne Kanaan completed a Master's degree in Systems Biology and a PhD in Biochemistry and Biophysics at École Normale Supérieure, as well as several entrepreneurship programs, OMINI CEO Joanne leads the strategy, communications and fundraising initiatives.



Deepak Kotak, MD
Co-Founder & Chief Medical Officer, Eupnoos

Physician-entrepreneur with 20+ years of frontline clinical experience and 14 years in MedTech, biotech, digital health and AI startups. Former NHS consultant in intensive care and trauma at leading UK teaching hospitals; now Co-Founder & CMO of Eupnoos, developing AI-enabled acoustic biomarkers for cardiorespiratory disease. I work at the point where clinical need, evidence, technology, regulation, product strategy and capital must align — translating complex science into products that can survive real-world healthcare.



Larry Kramer
President, PharmaSmart International

Larry Kramer is President and a member of the Board of PharmaSmart International, maker of the PS-2000D, a clinically validated blood pressure kiosk that is FDA cleared (Class II) for blood pressure and pulse and listed on the US Blood Pressure Validated Device Listing. He is focused on expanding access to accurate blood pressure measurement through partnerships with health plans, providers, public health agencies and community organizations, and on connecting kiosk readings to clinical care through EHR integration. He brings more than 30 years of leadership with roles at Baxter, Stryker, B. Braun, AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health's Major Pharmaceuticals, Patterson Companies and Canadian Hospital Specialties.



Arooshi Kumar, MD
Assistant Professor & Attending Physician, RUSH University Medical Center

Arooshi Kumar, MD, is an assistant professor in the Department of Neurological Sciences at Rush University Medical Center. She received her medical degree from the University of Louisville. She completed her neurology residency training at New York University and then completed a vascular neurology fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania. Kumar's clinical expertise includes cerebrovascular disease, stroke, stroke prevention and transient ischemic attack. She has a special interest in bringing cutting edge technology to bedside and research focus in machine learning applications for stroke prediction.

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**Uday Kumar, MD****Founder & Senior Advisor, Element Science, Inc.**

Uday Kumar, a cardiac electrophysiologist (EP) by training, is the Founder of Element Science, Inc., developer of the Jewel® Patch Wearable Cardioverter Defibrillator (P-WCD), a life-saving product used by patients as they transition from the hospital to the home after acute cardiovascular events. He was President and CEO until earlier this year and led the company from founding in 2011 through commercialization of the Jewel. 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 12 million patients.

**Sharon Langshur, MD****Principal Consultant, Cullom**

Sharon Langshur, M.D., is Principal Consultant at Cullom Inc., where she advises healthcare organizations, foundations, and nonprofit leaders on strategy, innovation, and complex initiatives at the intersection of healthcare, housing, and community health. She currently consults on research and program development at Northwestern Memorial Hospital focused on improving healthcare and outcomes for people experiencing homelessness. Previously, Sharon was an Operating Partner at Abundant Venture Partners, where she helped build and advise healthcare and digital health companies. She began her career in medicine and holds an M.D. from the University of Connecticut, an M.S. in Human Genetics from Sarah Lawrence College, and a B.Sc. in Biochemistry from McGill University.

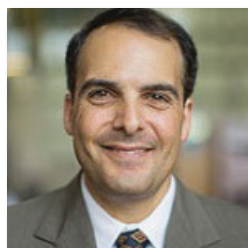
**Hak Seung Lee, MD, FAHA****CMO, Medical AI**

Hak Seung Lee, MD, FAHA, is a cardiologist and Chief Medical Officer of Medical AI Co., Ltd., where he leads the clinical development and validation of artificial intelligence-enabled cardiovascular technologies. He received his medical degree and completed his internal medicine and cardiology training at Seoul National University. His research focuses on AI-enabled electrocardiography, heart failure screening, digital health, and coronary artery disease. He received the American College of Cardiology Global Digital Health Award on behalf of Medical AI Co., Ltd.

**Catherine Liao****Chief Strategy & Commercial Officer, Connq Health**

Catherine Liao is Chief Strategy and Commercial Officer at CONNEQT Health, where she leads global strategy for non-invasive cardiovascular diagnostics and consumer health platforms focused on early detection of vascular aging. She previously founded Blumio, a radar-based wearable cardiovascular sensing company that partnered with Google and Infineon before being acquired by CONNEQT Health. A health economist focused on translating technology into scalable care models, Catherine is pursuing a PhD at the University of Cambridge examining the economics of vascular aging and preventive cardiovascular care. She was selected as a 2026 Presidential Leadership Scholar, where her leadership project focuses on advancing vascular age as a scalable metric for earlier prevention of cardiovascular disease.

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Jared W. Magnani, MD, MSc

Professor of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh

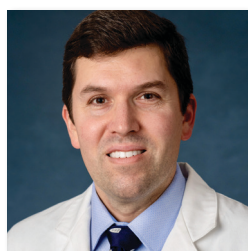
Jared W Magnani, MD, MSc is an Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh Schools of Medicine and Public Health. He is a general cardiologist and directs clinical trials to improve chronic disease self-management and health literacy for cardiovascular risk factors and disease.



Gennaro Maida, MS

Denovo Innovations Group

Gennaro Maida is a healthcare technology executive focused on clinical medicine, artificial intelligence, and healthcare innovation. He is Founder and CEO of Denovo Innovations Group and Chief Medical Information Officer at Cena Group, where he leads enterprise AI architecture, clinical intelligence, and regulatory strategy for healthcare technologies. He also serves on the American Heart Association Center for Health Technology and Innovation's Health Tech Advisory Group. He trained in biomedical engineering at Duke University and conducted cardiac surgery outcomes research during his Masters at Hahnemann University, now part of Drexel University.



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 and AI Lab. He is Chair of the AHA's National Health Tech Advisory Group and past Center Director in the AHA's Strategically Focused Research Network on Health Technology and Innovation. 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.



Michal Martonak

Commercial Lead, Powerful Medical

A mathematician by training, Michal leads commercial strategy, go-to-market, and strategic partnerships with healthcare providers and clinical institutions worldwide. He previously built Powerful Medical's data and clinical partnerships function, acquiring the large-scale clinical datasets that underpin the company's certified AI models.

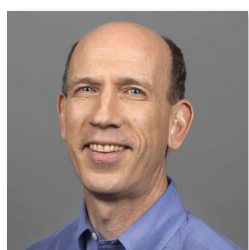
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Françoise Marvel, MD

Assistant Professor of Medicine, Johns Hopkins Medicine

Dr. Françoise Marvel, MD, is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University, Director of Scholarship and Education for the Johns Hopkins Ciccarone Center for Cardiovascular Disease Prevention, Core Faculty in the Johns Hopkins Advanced Lipid Clinic, Co-Director of the Johns Hopkins Digital Health Lab, and Co-Founder of Corrie Health. Her clinical and scholarly work focuses on advancing cardiovascular prevention through digital health technology, implementation science, big data, and artificial intelligence.



Michael McConnell, MD, MSEE

Clinical Professor of Medicine, Stanford University School of Medicine

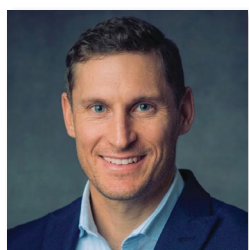
Dr. McConnell is a cardiologist and bioengineer and he obtained BS and MS in EE/BME at MIT followed by MD at Stanford. He trained in Cardiovascular Medicine and Imaging at Brigham and Women's Hospital, where his early research in echocardiography became known as "McConnell's sign." A Stanford faculty member for more than 20 years, he led Cardiovascular MRI, Preventive Cardiology, and Cardiovascular Health Innovation and served as PI on multiple NIH and AHA grants, including the MyHeart Counts study that launched Apple's ResearchKit. In 2015, he has led teams at Google/Verily and Fitbit developing FDA-cleared wearables and AI software. He is now Chief Health Officer at Toku (acquired by Topcon Healthcare), to advance AI and retinal imaging for to detect and prevent of major health conditions.



James K. Min, MD, FACC, FESC, MSCCT

Founder & CEO, Cleerly

James K. Min, MD is a former Professor of Radiology and Medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College and the 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. With a clinical and research focus on coronary artery disease, Min has published more than 500 peer-reviewed manuscripts that have been funded, in part, by numerous grants awarded by the National Institutes of Health and the Dalio Foundation.



Eric Mintz

CEO, Envera Medical

Eric Mintz is the Founder and CEO of Envera Medical, where he is working to advance neurovascular care through intuitive, high-performance medical devices. Prior to Envera, Eric spent a decade at Medtronic Neurovascular, as a technical leader, driving the development of neurovascular access and stroke treatment solutions.

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**Greg Nagy****Chief Operating Officer, MD Disrupt**

Greg Nagy is Chief Operating Officer of MDIsrupt, a health expert marketplace connecting healthcare and life sciences companies with vetted clinical, regulatory, and commercial experts. He is a seasoned global healthcare executive with experience spanning commercialization, go-to-market strategy, operations, and business development across life sciences, medical technology, and digital health. Previously, Greg served as Chief Marketing Officer at Drawbridge Health and Vice President of Global Marketing at Topcon Healthcare, and held leadership roles at Solta Medical, Amgen, Vertex Pharmaceuticals, and Aurora Biosciences. He holds an MBA from Pepperdine University and a BS in Bioengineering from the University of California, San Diego.

**Michał Nedoszytko, MD, PhD****MD, PhD, Clinician Scientist, Abridge**

Michał Nedoszytko, MD, PhD, is an interventional cardiologist, clinician scientist at Abridge, and longtime software builder. He trained at the Medical University of Gdańsk, earned a PhD in cardiovascular genetics, and practiced in Poland and Belgium, where he served as Head of Cardiology at CHR Mons-Hainaut/HELORA. Alongside his clinical career, he has built healthcare software and founded ventures including Previsit.ai. In February 2026, he was one of the winners of Anthropic's global Claude Code hackathon, placing third among more than 13,000 submissions. Now based in San Francisco, he builds clinical AI at Abridge. At the AHA Health Innovation Pavilion, he will build live, showing how a clinician can turn a real healthcare problem into working software with AI.

**Ken Nelson****Partner, Med Tech Innovators Advantage Fund**

Ken Nelson is a commercial pioneer in cardiac digital health and remote patient monitoring, with 25 years of executive and innovation experience across medical devices and digital health. He built and led commercial teams that launched disruptive patch monitors for three of the top four market-share leaders in the space: BioTelemetry (Global VP of Sales, acquired by Philips for \$2.8B), iRhythm (VP of Sales & Marketing, later a successful IPO), and Bardy Diagnostics (Chief Commercial Officer, acquired by Hillrom/Baxter for \$400M+). Today, Ken is a partner and founder of Nelson Jennings Ventures, collaborating with MedTech Innovator as a judge and mentor, and serves as a Venture Partner and LP Investor for Star51 Capital.

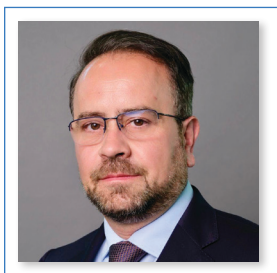
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Ambarish Pandey, MD

Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine at UT Southwestern

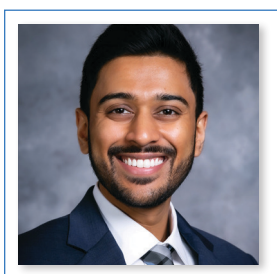
Ambarish Pandey, M.D., is an Associate Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center. He specializes in preventive cardiology and heart failure with preserved ejection fraction. Dr. Pandey earned his medical degree at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences. He completed both his residency in internal medicine and fellowship in cardiology at UT Southwestern. He also holds a master's degree in clinical sciences from UT Southwestern.



Michalis Papadakis

Co-Founder & CEO, Brainomix

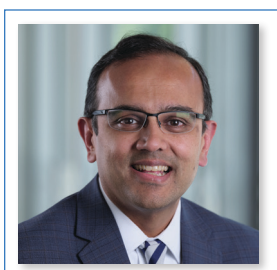
Dr. Michalis Papadakis is the CEO and co-founder of Brainomix, a pioneering AI medical engineering company spun out of the University of Oxford. Under his leadership, Brainomix has grown into a global innovator, securing over £49 million in investment and revolutionizing stroke and lung disease treatment through AI-powered imaging solutions. A recognized academic and entrepreneur, he has forged strong industry partnerships and is committed to advancing healthcare technology to improve patient outcomes worldwide. He has a BSc Honours in Biochemistry from Imperial College London and a PhD in neurosciences from UCL School of Pharmacy.



Akash P. Patel, MD, MBA

Cardiology Fellow University of Chicago

Akash P. Patel, MD, MBA, is a cardiology fellow at the University of Chicago, currently in a dedicated year of preventive cardiology and lipidology under Michael Davidson. His work focuses on how algorithmic tools change clinical decisions at the point of care, including genotype informed lipid management and the design of trials that test whether digital tools move hard outcomes rather than surrogate engagement metrics. He completed his MD and MBA at Northwestern University and consults for health technology companies and early stage startups building cardiovascular risk assessment and chronic disease management platforms.

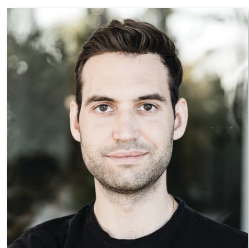


Manesh R. Patel, MD

Division Chief, Cardiology, Duke University

Manesh R. Patel is volunteer president of the American Heart Association for 2026-27 providing oversight of medical, scientific and public health matters and related public policy. In this role, he presides over the Association's Science Advisory & Coordinating Committee. He is Chief of the Division of Cardiology, Vice President of Heart and Vascular Services for Duke Health, the Richard Stack Distinguished Professor of Medicine at the Duke University School of Medicine, and senior investigator at the Duke Clinical Research Institute. Dr. Patel received his medical degree from Emory University School of Medicine. He completed his residency and fellowship in cardiology at Duke University. Dr. Patel is an interventional cardiologist with expertise in the care of people with coronary and peripheral vascular disease.

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Jacob Peters
Founder, SuperPower

Jacob Peters is a healthcare investor and entrepreneur. He has started and scaled companies representing over \$1B+ in value and is currently the Cofounder and Chairman of Superpower — one of America's fastest-growing consumer health platforms.



Bernardo Perez-Villa, MD, MSc
VP Medical Affairs, Hello Heart

As a cardiologist with a background in health economics, Bernardo Perez-Villa leads translational research and biomedical innovation efforts at Cleveland Clinic Innovations. Bernardo's focus is on early-stage technology assessment, identifying unmet clinical needs, surfacing hidden intellectual property, and aligning it with clinical and market realities to build strong go-to-market strategies.



Eric D. Peterson, MD, MPH
Vice Provost & Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Research Professor of Medicine,
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

Dr Peterson completed a residency in internal medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital and earned a Master's in Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health. He completed a cardiovascular disease fellowship at Duke University. In 2020, he joined the UTSW faculty as the inaugural Vice Provost, and Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Research, and Vice President for Health System Research. He has been the chairman of the American Heart Association's Center for Healthcare Technology and Innovation for a decade and has chaired multiple workshops and writing groups on digital innovation for research for the NIH, FDA, and AHRQ.



Steve Pickett
CEO, Tabia

Steve Pickett is the CEO and co-founder of Tabia Health, where he is leading the transformation of care management from fragmented, manual processes to digitally orchestrated, automated workflows. His work centers on enabling healthcare systems to apply AI to evidence-based care pathways — reducing administrative burden, closing gaps in care, and improving outcomes and revenue performance at scale.

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Tiffany M. 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 at the National Institutes of Health and Chief of the Social Determinants of Obesity and Cardiovascular Risk Laboratory, with appointments at NHLBI and 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. In 2021, Dr. Powell-Wiley's innovative work was recognized with the American Heart Association's Population Research Prize.



Vimal Ramjee, MD

CommonSpirit Health

Dr. Vimal Ramjee is board certified in cardiovascular diseases, internal medicine, echocardiography, cardiac CT, and advanced cardiovascular life support. He has received advanced specialty training in transthoracic echocardiography, transesophageal echocardiography and stress echocardiography. He completed a fellowship in cardiovascular disease and advanced cardiovascular imaging and translational research at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Dr. Ramjee completed his residency in internal medicine at Emory Hospital in Atlanta. He received his medical degree from Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York and two Bachelor of Science degrees from Emory University in Atlanta. He has received numerous academic honors and awards.



Farzan Sasangohar, PhD

Associate Professor, Industrial & Systems Engineering, Texas A&M University

Dr. Farzan Sasangohar is a 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.



Lee H. Schwamm, MD

Associate Dean for Digital Strategy & 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.

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

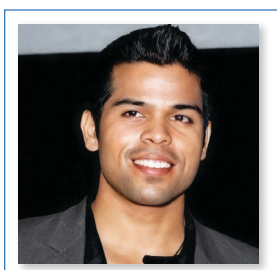
Azizi Seixas, Ph.D. is the Interim Inaugural Chair of the Department of Informatics and Health Data Science, Founding Director of The Media and Innovation Lab (The MIL), Associate Director of the Center for Translational Sleep and Circadian Sciences (TSCS), and Director of Population Health Informatics 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 CellPress' 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.

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

Lee Shapiro is co-founder and Managing Partner at 7WireVentures, a leading healthcare venture fund. He also served as Chief Financial Officer of Livongo Health [NASDAQ:LVGO] until November 2020. Previously he was President of Allscripts [NASDAQ:MDRX] from 2001 until the end of 2012. Lee served on the boards of Clover Health [NASDAQ:CLOV], Senior Connect, a special purpose acquisition company [NASDAQ:SNRH], Medidata Solutions [NASDAQ:MDSO] until its sale in 2019 to Dassault Systemes, Tivity Health [NASDAQ:TVTY] until May, 2020 and Click Therapeutics. Lee serves on the National Board of Directors of the American Heart Association as Chairman of the Board, assuming his new role in July 2025.

**Rashmee Shah, MD****MD, MS, Cardiologist, Clinical Research Scientist, Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Utah**

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.

**Sameer Sontakey****Co-Founder & Chief AI Officer, SensorBio**

Sameer Sontakey is a founder and technologist focused on building clinically rigorous wearable health platforms. Over the past decade, Sameer has worked across software engineering, data infrastructure, and hardware to create products that help people better understand their bodies and improve long-term health.

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Erin Spaulding, PhD, BSN, RN
Assistant Professor, Johns 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.



Lisa Suennen
Managing Partner, American Heart Association Ventures

Lisa Suennen has spent over 35 years as venture capitalist, entrepreneur, operating executive, strategy consultant and board director. Lisa is Managing Partner of American Heart Association Ventures, a platform of venture funds focused on cardiovascular and brain health, including Go Red for Women, Cardeation Capital, the Social Impact Fund and Studio Red. Lisa previously held multiple venture fund leadership roles (Psilos Group, GE Ventures, Manatt Ventures) and executive roles at Canary Medical, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, and Merit Behavioral Care, where she was instrumental in driving company growth from startup through IPO and acquisition. Lisa was featured in Forbes 2025 List of the 50 Over 50, writes the Venture Valkyrie blog, and is an internationally recognized author and speaker.



Ritu Thamman, MD, FASE, FACC
Clinical 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 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.



Michael Lepow
VP Integrated Marketing, Sharecare

Michael Lepow is Vice President of Marketing Strategy and Consumer Insights at Sharecare, where he leads the Patient Experience Lab, translating insights from patients and healthcare providers into strategies that inform health content, digital tools, and pharmaceutical brand initiatives. As the lab's founder, he built an insights database spanning 125 conditions, with a focus on understanding patient needs and improving communication between patients and providers.

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**Mintu Turakhia MD MS, FAHA, FACC, FHRS****Chief Medical & Scientific Officer, iRhythm Technologies**

Dr. Turakhia is an internationally renowned cardiologist and cardiac electrophysiologist, researcher, executive, and leader in digital health, AI, and heart rhythm care. He is Chief Medical & Scientific Officer and Executive Vice President at iRhythm Technologies and a Professor of Medicine at Stanford University. At iRhythm, he has a large operational span, leading Advanced Technologies, Medical Affairs, Scientific Affairs, Medical Safety, clinical oversight of the Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility, having also led Product Management for three years. Dr. Turakhia completed his bachelor's degree at the University of California (UC) Berkeley, MD and master's degrees at UCSF, and clinical training at Harvard's Brigham & Women's Hospital and UCSF.

**Sharif Vakili, MD, MBA, MS****CEO, UpDoc**

Sharif Vakili, MD, MBA, MS, is cofounder and CEO of UpDoc. He has more than a decade of company-building experience as a serial entrepreneur and former investor at Polaris Partners, where he supported and served on the boards of companies across digital health and biotechnology. Sharif is also an AI researcher, practicing primary care physician, and Clinical Assistant Professor at Stanford University, where he lectures at the Stanford Graduate School of Business. He pioneered the field of Remote Patient Intervention (RPI), developing and clinically validating the first FDA-cleared clinical AI agents designed to autonomously deliver care on behalf of physicians. Sharif completed his Internal Medicine residency at Stanford, earned his MD from Johns Hopkins, his MBA from Harvard, and his MS and BS from Yale.

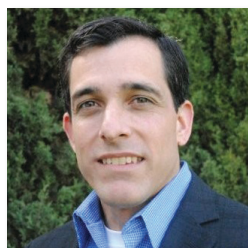
**Rebecca Vigen, MD, MSCS, MPA****Associate Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at UT Southwestern**

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, FNLA, FHFS, FAHA****Clinical Professor of Medicine, University of Arizona**

Kris Vijay, MD, MS, FACC, FNLA, FHFS, FAHA is currently the Medical Director at Arizona Heart Foundation. He is a Heart Failure and preventive cardiologist, a lipidologist, fellowship trained in endocrinology, nephrology, and cardiology, an ardent researcher, and an educator. He is a Clinical Professor of Medicine at U of Arizona, faculty at College of Health Solutions at Arizona State University, a past Governor of the American College of Cardiology, Arizona.

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Joseph Villa
Founder, Bigbee Labs

Joseph Villa is Founder and Chief Architect of Bigbee Labs, developing Ren, a hybrid AI system that synthesizes knowledge representation, reasoning, multi-agent systems, and machine learning to help people care better together. Across healthcare, aging services, consumer health, and artificial intelligence, Joseph's work focuses on strengthening care circles through technologies and services that increase human capacity and collaboration. Joseph has held leadership roles at Health Net, Revolution Health, Matrix Medical Network, and Accenture, and has founded multiple venture-backed technology companies.



Haider Warraich, MD
Program Manager (General Partner), ARPA-H

Dr. Haider Warraich is a Program Manager at ARPA-H, where he is leading the ADVOCATE program which is pioneering the development, evaluation, regulation and implementation of patient-facing, autonomous, clinical agentic AI. In addition, he is a cardiologist specializing in heart failure and transplantation practicing at Boston Medical Center, and a researcher with more than 185 peer-reviewed research publications. Before this role, he served at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as a Senior Clinical Advisor for Chronic Disease to the FDA Commissioner where he helped shape policy around drugs, devices, digital health and AI.



Jeffrey D. Wessler, MD, MPhil, FACC
CEO, Heartbeat Health

Jeffrey D. Wessler, MD, MPhil, FACC, is a physician entrepreneur and Founder, CEO, and Chairman of the Board of Heartbeat Health, the nation's largest virtual cardiology company, which has served over 1.5 million patients. He also serves on the board of Arima Health and on cardiology faculty at Northwell Health, with prior academic and clinical training at NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center, an MD from Harvard Medical School, an MPhil in Public Health from Cambridge University, and a BA in Chemistry from Williams College. His work involves building virtual-first cardiology care models and leading clinical research on telehealth and remote patient monitoring.



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

Lindsay Williams, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, PMP, PHN, is Director of Clinical Operations for Cedars-Sinai @ Home, where she leads the delivery, growth, and strategic development of hospital-level care in the home. Her work spans clinical operations, financial stewardship, workforce development, quality improvement, and virtual care strategy. She is recognized for translating complex healthcare challenges into practical, data-driven solutions and for building collaborative teams that improve patient care and organizational performance. Lindsay also contributes to national conversations on hospital-at-home, virtual nursing, health equity, and healthcare innovation.

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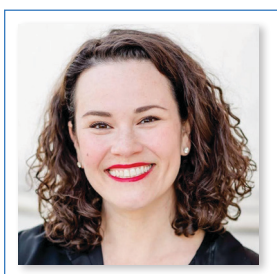
2023-2024 American Heart Association Volunteer President, Director of the Stanford Cardiovascular Institute and the Simon H. Stertz, MD, Professor of Medicine and Radiology at Stanford University

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 has published >700 manuscripts with H-index of 156 on Google scholar. Dr. Wu is an elected member of American Association for Advancement of Science (AAAS), American Academy of Arts & Sciences (AAA&S), National Academy of Inventors (NAI), and National Academy of Medicine (NAM). He is currently president of the Association of University Cardiologists (AUC) and previously served as President of the American Heart Association (AHA).

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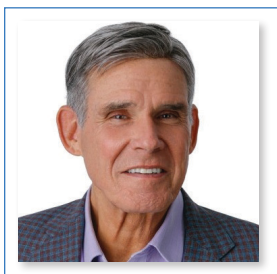
Assistant Professor, Columbia

Dr. Xuhai "Orson" Xu is an Assistant Professor at Columbia University's Department of Biomedical Informatics and Computer Science (courtesy), and a Visiting Faculty at Google. He directs SEA Lab (Sense, Empower, Augment) at Columbia and leads research at the intersection of human-computer interaction, applied AI, and health. His work develops deployable AI algorithms and intelligent interventions that leverage everyday sensor data and health records to monitor and improve well-being, and his human-centered pipeline brings together AI, clinicians, patients, and the broader public in a collaborative ecosystem to advance health and healthcare.

**Ashley Yesayan**

Founder & CEO, One Village

Ashley Yesayan is the Founder and CEO of OneVillage, a platform dedicated to virtualizing supportive care and empowering individuals navigating serious health conditions. Ashley's inspiration for OneVillage stems from her own journey with breast cancer, which she successfully overcame in 2017. With a career spanning 15 years in high-growth, venture-backed technology companies, she has played a pivotal role in scaling industry-defining businesses. Before founding OneVillage, Ashley was an investor at Revolution Growth, focusing on consumer-driven, tech-enabled businesses across marketplace, eCommerce, media, and software sectors. Ashley holds a B.A. in Economics and English from Wake Forest University and an M.B.A. from Columbia Business School. Originally from South Carolina.

**Eric Topol, MD**

Executive Vice-President, Scripps Research

Eric Topol is the Executive Vice-President of Scripps Research, the largest non-profit biomedical research in the United States, where he is founder and director of the Scripps Research Translational Institute in 2007. Clinically active as a cardiologist, he previously led Cleveland Clinic cardiology to become the leading heart center in the US. He was the founder of a new medical school at Cleveland Clinic (Lerner College of Medicine), was commissioned by the UK government to lead a review of their National Health Service. Topol is a principal investigator of two large NIH grants for innovations to promote human health. He has published over 1,300 peer-reviewed articles, with more than 400,000 citations, elected to the National Academy of Medicine, and is one of the top 10 most cited researchers in medicine.