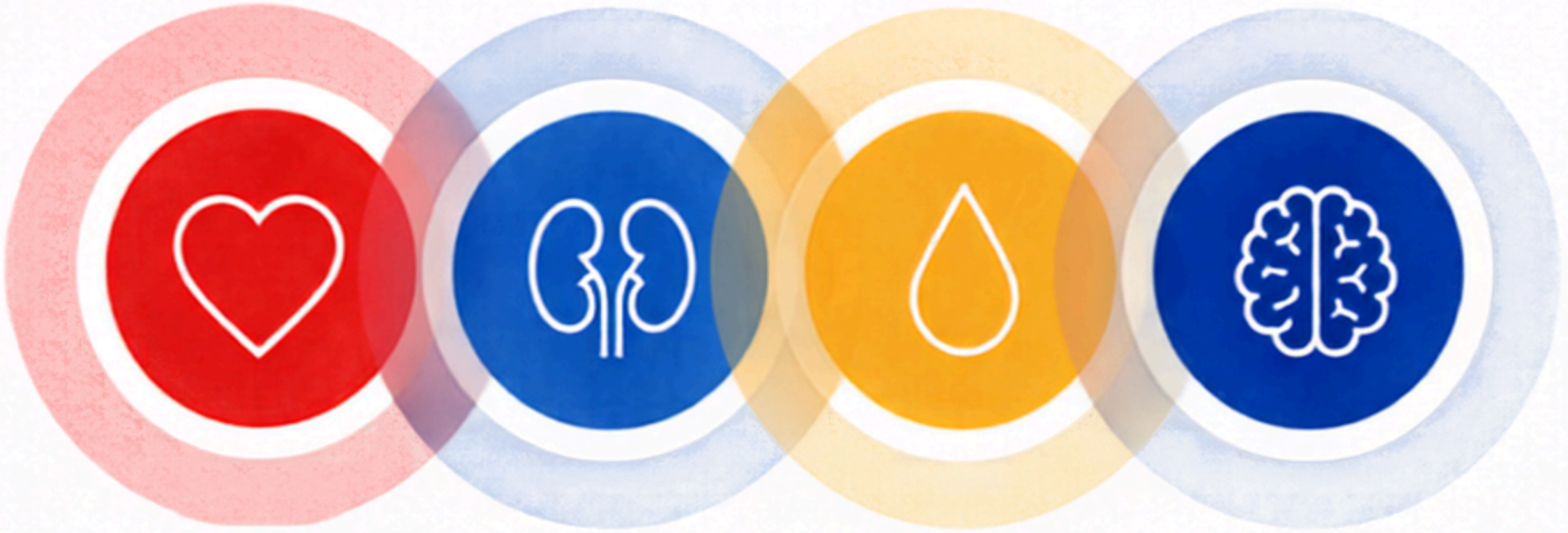
2026 Annual Meeting

UNLEASHING PREVENTION'S POWER

Improving Americans' **Heart, Kidney,** Metabolic, and **Brain** Health



The 24th Annual Meeting of the
National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention

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Agenda at a Glance

Eastern Daylight Time *Please Note - All Times are Approximate*

10:30–10:45 a.m.	**Welcome and Opening Remarks**
10:45–10:55 a.m.	**Opening Keynote - From Aspiration to Action: Making Prevention the Foundation of a Healthier America**
10:55 a.m.–12:05 p.m.	**Session 1: Making Every Visit a Prevention Opportunity**
12:05–12:10 p.m.	**Break**
12:10–1:30 p.m.	**Session 2: New Playbooks for Hypertension and Dyslipidemia**
1:30–1:35 p.m.	**Break**
1:35–2:46 p.m.	**Session 3: A United Voice for Prevention**
2:46–2:53 p.m.	**Break/Stretch Activity**
2:53–3:28 p.m.	**Taking Action: Participants Share Successful Prevention Practices**
3:28–3:32 p.m.	**Closing Keynote - Unleashing Prevention's Power: The Next Chapter**
3:32–4:30 p.m.	**Annual Business Meeting and Awards | Adjournment**

Welcome Message

We gather at an extraordinary moment for prevention. The evidence is strong. The opportunities are significant. And across healthcare, public health, government, patient advocacy, communities, and the private sector, leaders are demonstrating what is possible when we move prevention from aspiration to action.

This year's Annual Meeting brings together an exceptional group of national leaders to challenge us to think boldly about what comes next. Throughout the day, we will explore how to make prevention a routine part of care, translate the latest evidence and innovations into practice, strengthen collaboration across heart, kidney, metabolic, and brain health, and learn from organizations that are successfully putting prevention into action.

Our goal is not simply to discuss what needs to change. It is to scale and accelerate what works. We want each of us to leave this meeting with ideas we can apply, partnerships we can strengthen, and actions we can take to improve health and well-being in the communities we serve.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to our 2026 Annual Meeting sponsors: Platinum Sponsor AstraZeneca; Heart Contributor Merck and Novartis; and Heart Friends, the American Heart Association and the American Pharmacists Association Foundation. Their support helps make this national convening available at no cost to participants.

Thank you for being part of this important conversation and, more importantly, for the work you do every day to advance prevention.

Together, we can unleash prevention's power and turn what we know into action that helps every person live a longer, healthier life.

Warm regards,

Bernadette Mazurek Melnyk, PhD, APRN-CNP
Chair

John M. Clymer
Executive Director

Welcome & Introductions

10:30–10:45 A.M. ET



John M. Clymer

Executive Director

National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention



Bernadette M. Melnyk, PhD, APRN-CNP,FAANP, FNAP, FAAN

Chair

National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention
Professor Emeritus
The Ohio State University
Editor, Worlviews on Evidence-Based Nursing

The 24th Annual Meeting of the National Forum, Unleashing Prevention's Power: Improving Americans' Heart, Kidney, Metabolic, and Brain Health, will focus on moving prevention from aspiration to action. The 2026 convening will challenge us to think boldly, act collaboratively, and turn proven strategies into measurable improvements in heart, kidney, metabolic, and brain health for all Americans.

Opening Keynote

10:45–10:55 A.M. ET

From Aspiration to Action: Making Prevention the Foundation of a Healthier America



The Honorable Erica Schwartz, MD, MPH, JD (RADM, USPHS, RET)

Director

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Session 1: Making Every Visit a Prevention Opportunity

10:55 A.M. – 12:05 P.M. ET

Innovative health systems across the country are redesigning care to integrate cardiovascular, kidney, metabolic, and brain health into routine patient care.

Through real-world success stories, this session will demonstrate how healthcare teams are making risk assessment and risk reduction essential components of sustainable approaches that improve outcomes.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

01 How can healthcare organizations make prevention part of every patienet encounter?

02 What successful models are improving early detection of hypertension, dyslipidemia, chronic kidney disease, diabetes, and stroke risk?

03 How can multidisciplinary care teams improve prevention without increasing provider burden?

04 What role do technology, data, and quality improvement play in advancing prevention?

05 Which workflow changes can organizations implement immediately to improve patient outcomes?

SPEAKERS

Moderator: John M. Clymer



Mark McCellan, MD, PhD
Director, Duke-Margolis Institute for Health Policy
Professor of Business, Medicine and Policy
Duke University



Michael W. Cropp, MD, MBA
President & CEO
Independent Health

Session 2: From Evidence to Action: The New Playbooks for Hypertension and Dyslipidemia Management

12:10 – 1:30 P.M. ET

New risk assessment tools, emerging therapies, and medical guidelines create opportunities to reduce cardiovascular risk before disease progresses.

This session will examine what these changes mean in practice and how healthcare organizations can implement evidence-based strategies to improve blood pressure and cholesterol control.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

01 What are the most significant changes in hypertension and dyslipidemia management? Why do they matter?

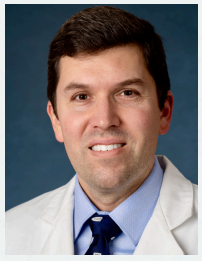
02 Which evidence-based strategies have the greatest potential to improve cardiovascular outcomes today?

03 How can health systems and public health overcome common barriers to guideline adoption and patient adherence?

04 What actions can organizations take now to improve implementation and outcomes?

SPEAKERS

Moderator: John M. Clymer



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Professor, Division of Cardiology
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Director, Digital Health Innovations Lab
Director, Advanced Lipid Disorders Clinic



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Assoc. Professor of Cardio. Medicine
Director, Center for Population Science and Aging
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
Deputy Executive Editor, Circulation



Jacob Shiff
Chief AI & Technology Officer,
CMS Innovation Center
Centers for Medicine & Medicaid Services

Session 3: A United Voice for Prevention

1:35–2:46 P.M. ET

Preventable chronic diseases continue to place an enormous burden on individuals, families, communities, and the healthcare system. This dynamic session will bring together senior leadership from the leading organizations focused on heart, kidney, metabolic, and brain health to present a unified vision for elevating prevention as a national priority.

The session will challenge participants to rethink America's healthcare system through a prevention-first lens and explore how leaders across sectors can move prevention from aspiration to action.

The session will be a leadership conversation focused on identifying collective actions to amplify the voice for prevention and increase the national focus on preventing chronic disease before it begins.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

01 What distinguishes prevention successes that last from those that do not?

02 What lessons can organizations learn from successful models and population health initiatives?

03 How can organizations adapt proven prevention strategies to their own communities?

04 What partnerships, policies, and leadership approaches are essential for sustaining impact?

05 What practical steps can organizations take to begin scaling prevention initiatives today?

SPEAKERS

Moderator: John M. Clymer



Edward T. A. Fry, MD, MACC
Past President, American College of Cardiology
Chair, Ascension Health CV Service Line



Marc Hurlbert, PhD
Chief Executive Officer
National Kidney Foundation



Rita Rastogi Kalyani, MD, MHS
Former Chief Scientific & Medical Officer
American Diabetes Association



Eduardo Sanchez, MD, MPH, FAHA
Chief Medical Officer for Prevention
American Heart Association

Taking Action: Participants Share Successful Prevention Practices

2:53 – 3:28 P.M. ET

The most useful ideas often come from people doing the work every day. This interactive session shifts the focus from expert presentations to peer learning, giving participants an opportunity to share successful prevention initiatives, innovative partnerships, and practical lessons from their organizations, practices, and communities. Together, these stories highlight the many ways our members are working to advancing prevention across heart, kidney, metabolic, and brain health and improving health nationwide.

Taking Action: Participants Share Successful Prevention Practices

Know Your Pulse™ Connecting Conditions Series

Andrea Baer, MS, BCPA
Senior Program Manager
Arrhythmia Alliance

Know Your Pulse™ helps people understand heart rhythm disorders, including AFib, and learn about detection, monitoring and treatment. Its Connecting Conditions Series, in development, explores links between arrhythmias and conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, heart failure and kidney disease. Through accessible, evidence-based education, the series aims to help people recognize connected health risks, have more informed conversations with healthcare professionals, and take action, when necessary, to improve their heart health.

Delaware's Diabetes and Heart Disease Prevention and Control Program

Wendy Bailey, M.Ed.
Trainer Educator III
State of Delaware Diabetes Prevention and Control

The Delaware Diabetes and Heart Disease Prevention Program advances Unleashing Prevention by expanding access to evidence-based programs that improve heart, kidney, metabolic, and brain health. Through statewide partnerships, we deliver the CDC-recognized National Diabetes Prevention Program, Diabetes Self-Management Education, the Healthy Heart Ambassador Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring Program, other self-management programs, and employer initiatives. Together, these efforts increase access, strengthen referrals, and advance equitable prevention to improve health outcomes.

Health Access Model

Jessica Pius-Nwagwu, MSN, BSN, RN
Director, Primary Care
American Diabetes Association

The American Diabetes Association is advancing its 85-year mission through a whole-person approach to diabetes and chronic kidney disease prevention, awareness, and screening. Our Health Access model connects community-based screening with clinical referral and follow-up pathways, featuring our community hub in Birmingham, Alabama, which has reached more than 20,000 community members and screened more than 900 individuals to date. It distinguishes community engagement and screening measures from confirmed diagnoses and completed follow-up, discuss the challenge of strengthening connections to care, and offer practical lessons on bringing local resources together and designing prevention programs around the full pathway not just the screening event.

Project IMPACT: Cardiovascular Health+

Mallory Ward
Former Vice President and Board member
American Pharmacists Association Foundation

Project IMPACT: Cardiovascular Health+ is an American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Foundation initiative that engages community pharmacists in patient-centered cardiovascular care, including risk screening, identifying social barriers to better health, and managing complex medication regimens.

Taking Action: Participants Share Successful Prevention Practices

Million Hearts® Advancing Cardiac Rehabilitation project

Susan Svencer, MPH
Cardiovascular Health Subject Matter Expert
National Association of Chronic Disease Directors

The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD), with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention, is beginning a third year of the Million Hearts® Advancing Cardiac Rehabilitation (CR) project. This effort provides mini-grant funding to cardiac rehabilitation programs and professionals to implement innovative policies, systems, and services that reduce barriers to CR utilization. It also supports public health jurisdictions and national, regional, or state organizations poised to scale and spread promising practices focused on improving CR referral, participation, and/or completion. Over the first two years, funding has supported more than 40 projects and is expected to expand with new grantees this year.

Cardiovascular Health Community of Practice

Stephanie Weiss, MPH
Director of Chronic Disease
National Association of County and City Health Officials

NACCHO helps local health departments turn evidence into action. The Cardiovascular Health Community of Practice (CoP) brings together local health departments and partners to share practical solutions, promote cardiovascular health, and strengthen heart disease and stroke prevention efforts.

Through quarterly virtual meetings, technical assistance, newsletters, and an updated Resource Hub, the CoP provides peer learning opportunities and practical support. Members exchange tools, lessons learned, and emerging practices to strengthen local prevention efforts. The CoP also highlights local success stories and resources that other health departments can adapt to their own communities. Planned webinars bring together subject matter experts, public health practitioners, and individuals with lived experience to share promising approaches and implementation lessons. Upcoming topics include: Strengthening cardiovascular health partnerships, Advancing cardiovascular health through Food Is Medicine initiatives, Using data visualization and storytelling to communicate the impact of local cardiovascular health programs.

Over the life of the CoP, we have engaged over 600 participants through our learning activities and resources. Early evaluation findings show improvements in local health department capacity, partnership development, and access to evidence-informed tools and peer examples. These gains can help accelerate the adoption of cardiovascular health strategies, position local health departments as essential partners in cardiovascular disease prevention, and support long-term sustainability.

While the CoP focuses on topics of interest to local health departments, all interested individuals and organizations are welcome to join. For more information, reach out to chronicdisease@naccho.org

Taking Action: Participants Share Successful Prevention Practices

Hypertension Bites

Brittaney Bethea, MPH
Campaign Manager (Contractor)
CDC Foundation

Hypertension Bites is a national awareness campaign that helps people understand what blood pressure control means and how to work toward it. Informed by conversations with people living with uncontrolled hypertension, the campaign inspires urgency and encourages practical steps—from tracking blood pressure and building healthy habits to following treatment plans—to support long-term health. Led by the CDC Foundation with founding partner AstraZeneca, it was co-developed with the National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention, the American Pharmacists Association, and the Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association. Explore campaign resources at MyBPControl.org.

Unlocking Pharmacist Care for Hypertension and Chronic Disease

Tom Keane, NASPA
Senior Director, State Policy
National Alliance of State Pharmacy Association Pharmacists

National Alliance of State Pharmacy Association Pharmacists are among the most effective clinicians at improving blood pressure control, especially when they can prescribe, titrate, and intensify medications. But legal and practical barriers keep them from providing that care at scale. The National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA) works with state pharmacy associations to remove those barriers in three ways: expanding Standard of Care and broad prescriptive authority so pharmacists can independently treat conditions like hypertension and high cholesterol; connecting pharmacies to interoperable EHRs and state health information exchanges through the Rural Health Transformation Program and other initiatives; and pursuing state payment reform so these services last.

Heart-Kidney Call to Action

Julie Harvill, MPA, MPH
Director of Operations
National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention

The National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention is building a coalition to advance earlier diagnosis and treatment of chronic kidney disease (CKD) among people with cardiovascular risk. Two virtual convenings engaged organizations in developing a Call to Action focused on raising awareness, improving screening, and strengthening support for policies that advance early diagnosis and treatment of CKD. Following the convenings, 78% of survey respondents indicated an intention to take action.

Organizations are now moving from conversation to commitment. The North Star is ambitious and measurable: increase kidney disease screening among people with hypertension to 50% by 2030.
The National Forum will bring organizations together, track progress, share successful approaches, and help participants translate commitment into action. The Call to Action is bringing new voices, organizations, and energy to the effort to improve heart and kidney health. Reach out to the National Forum if you would like to be in involved at info@nationalforum.org.

Closing Keynote

3:28 – 3:34 P.M. ET

Unleashing Prevention's Power: The Next Chapter

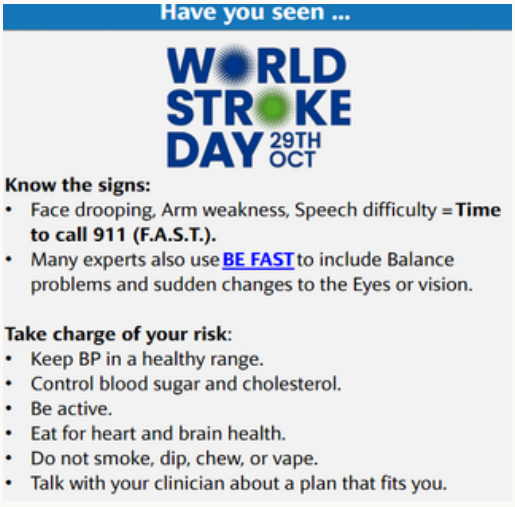
As the healthcare system embraces new models such as ACCESS and other prevention-focused innovations, what comes next? Dr. Oz will explore how technology, policy, clinical care, and consumer engagement can work together to prevent chronic disease, improve outcomes, and create a healthier future for all Americans.



The Honorable Mehmet C. Oz, MD, MBA

Administrator
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)





National Forum Business Meeting and Awards

3:34 – 4:04 P.M. ET

AGENDA

Decision Items:

- 2025 Annual Business Meeting Minutes
- Corporate Operations and Finance Report
- Election of Board Members

Welcome and Introductions
Bernadette Mazurek Melnyk, PhD, APRN-CNP, National Forum Chair

Roll Call
Bernadette Mazurek Melnyk, PhD, APRN-CNP

Approve October 22, 2025, Meeting Minutes
Bernadette Mazurek Melnyk, PhD, APRN-CNP

- *Action: Approve Meeting Minutes*

Corporate Operations & Finance Report
Rosy McGillan, National Forum Treasurer

- *Action: Acceptance of Corporate Operations and Finance Report*

Executive Director's Report
John M. Clymer

Governance Report - Bernadette Melnyk, PhD, APRN-CNP
2026-2027 Board of Directors Election

- *Action: Election of new Board Members*

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Associate Medical Director, Heart Failure Program, Grady Health System
(2nd Term

The National Forum Honors
2026 National Forum Awards
2026-2027 National Forum Leadership

The 2026 National Forum Awards

NATIONAL FORUM HEART HEALTHY STROKE FREE AWARD

Eduardo Sanchez, MD, MPH, FAHA, FAAFP

In recognition of an individual whose work embodies the recommendations of the national Public Health Action Plan to Prevent Heart Disease and Stroke.

Dr. Sanchez's decades as a leader in government, the health system, academia, and at the American Heart Association have empowered innumerable advocates and moved health policy and systems towards prevention. People throughout the United States and across its communities have better opportunities to attain optimal cardiovascular health thanks to Eduardo's relentless leadership and work.

NATIONAL FORUM HEART HEALTHY STROKE FREE AWARD

Norton Sound Health Corporation

In recognition of an organization whose work embodies the recommendations of the national Public Health Action Plan to Prevent Heart Disease and Stroke.

For bringing comprehensive, measurable prevention to sixteen remote Alaska communities. By integrating blood pressure, lipid, and diabetes screening into routine care, supporting tobacco prevention and cessation, and pioneering community health worker approaches, Norton Sound Health Corporation has made heart disease and stroke prevention part of everyday care and life in the communities it serves.

NATIONAL FORUM PUBLIC POLICY AWARD

Mayor Denise D. Grant of Lauderhill

In recognition of an individual who has effectively advanced policy change to reduce the national, state, or local heart disease and stroke burden.

For sustained leadership in advancing community-based prevention in Lauderhill using Move with the Mayor® and its community strengths and opportunities Roadmap. Through mobile health clinics with Broward Health, accessible physical and mental health programming for residents of all ages, and strong partnerships with parks and recreation, Mayor Grant is making evidence-based prevention practical and accessible.

NATIONAL FORUM PUBLIC POLICY AWARD

National Lipid Association

In recognition of an organization that has effectively advanced policy change to reduce the national, state, or local heart disease and stroke burden.

For spearheading a multi-faceted campaign to return LDL-C screening and management to the forefront of quality measurement. Through effective advocacy and exemplary collaboration, the National Lipid Association has accelerated progress towards better lipid management for Medicare beneficiaries and others.

The 2026 National Forum Awards

NATIONAL FORUM COMMITMENT AWARD

Daniel T. Lackland, DrPH, FAHA

Presented to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the National Forum.

For his longstanding commitment to the National Forum and outstanding contributions to hypertension and stroke prevention. His leadership in the World Hypertension League, generous collaboration, and ability to mobilize colleagues have helped advance evidence-based hypertension prevention and strengthen the National Forum's collective impact.

NATIONAL FORUM CHAIR RECOGNITION AWARD

Rosy McGillan

In recognition of extraordinary service to ensure optimal cardiovascular health and well-being throughout the lifespan.

For her service and wise counsel as the National Forum's Secretary-Treasurer and Board member, and her decades of leadership in helping people incorporate physical and mental health into their daily lives. As an innovator in helping organizations make a positive effect on society, Rosy has helped the National Forum enhance its impact on population health.

NATIONAL FORUM SERVICE AWARD

Juliana Crawford

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Introduction of Incoming Leadership for 2026-27

2026-2027 Board of Directors

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Bernadette Mazurek Melnyk, PhD, APRN-CNP
National Forum Chair

BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNAMENT

Bernadette Mazurek Melnyk, PhD, APRN-CNP

24th ANNUAL MEETING CLOSING

John M Clymer

4:20 p.m.

About the National Forum

VISION: PEOPLE THROUGHOUT SOCIETY LIVING HEART HEALTHY, STROKE-FREE LIVES

The National is an independent, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that serves as a catalyst for collaborative efforts to prevent cardiovascular disease.

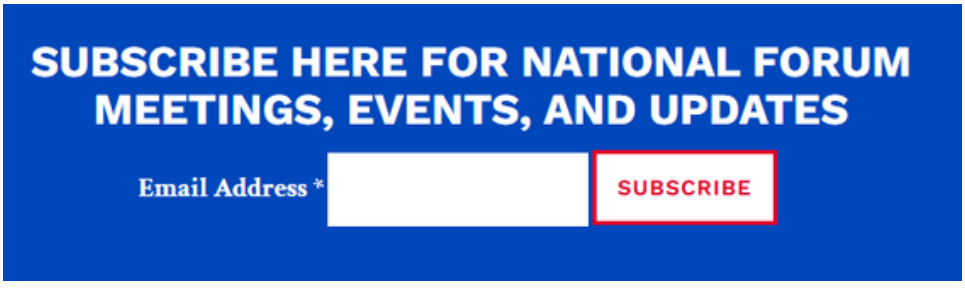
The National Forum membership includes over 100 national and international organizations from government, industry, academia, health care, public health, and advocacy.

The National Forum was founded in 2002 to lead the implementation of the National Public Health Action Plan to Prevent Heart Disease and Stroke. The Action Plan provides a comprehensive public health strategy and a framework to guide health practitioners and policymakers. The Board of Directors manages and directs the business and affairs of the organization. Dr. Darwin Labarthe is the Emeritus Founder of the National Forum, and his passion and dedication continue to inspire us.

With a mission to spark and lead collaborative action to achieve health equity and optimize cardiovascular health and well-being throughout the lifespan, the National Forum is a recognized convener of diverse stakeholders who come together in National Forum-led educational, policy, and health system-changing collaborations. The National Forum's leadership of initiatives such as Move with the Mayor®, Counter Cholesterol®, Know Your Numbers, Value & Access Collaborative, Signature Reports, Stronger Hearts™, and its participation in initiatives such as Million Hearts and World Heart Day have produced tools that dramatically increase patient engagement and drive aligned changes in local and federal policies.

The National Forum has long been at the forefront of prominent federal initiatives to prioritize cardiovascular health and health equity, indicating its ability to contribute to national movements and drive collective public health impact. It co-led, with the American Heart Association, the CDC-sponsored Million Hearts Collaboration, a six-year cooperative agreement in support of the Million Hearts Initiative. Additionally, the National Forum was a founding member of the National Hypertension Control Roundtable (NHCR), a CDC-initiated collaboration of medical, nursing, pharmacy, public health, patient organizations, employers, health plans, and manufacturers focused on raising public awareness and healthcare providers' prioritization of hypertension control. The National Forum's Executive Director, John Clymer, was founding co-chair of the NHCR and continues to serve on NHCR's Steering Committee, overseeing its strategic direction.

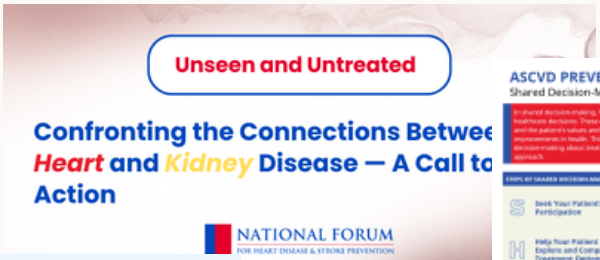
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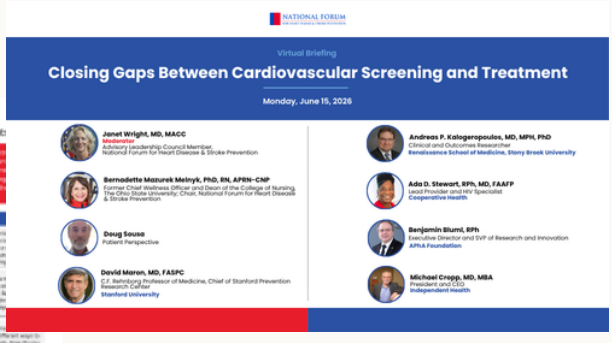
Current Initiatives and Collaborations

The National Forum is leading efforts to help achieve national health goals through 2030 and beyond. Current initiatives and programs include:

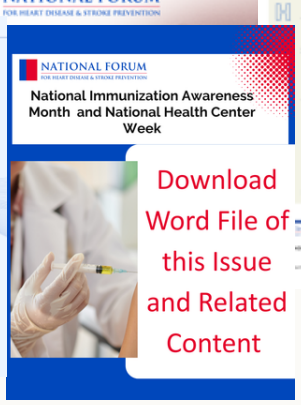
- The Value and Access Collaborative, convening cross-sector partners to improve access to evidence-based care, updating the High Cholesterol Shared Decision-Making Guides, and urging ICER to better reflect patient perspectives, real-world evidence, and fair access in its hypertension report.
- Move with the Mayor®, engaging in 103 local events this spring. The mental health and social connectivity campaign reached 19 cities and generated more than 17 million impressions.
- Convening two kidney disease meetings with 192 participants from 136 organizations to advance screening, diagnosis, and heart-kidney health.
- Advocating for an LDL-C quality measure in Medicare's Universal Foundation and MIPS; sharing prevention messages through Million Hearts®; and creating ready-to-use monthly awareness content on stroke, blood pressure, mental health, immunization, and more.
- The National Forum's Hypertension Takedown™ work is built on strong collaborations that connect policy, clinical care, public health, community engagement, and communications.
- We held a Mid-Year Convening on hypertension and a dyslipidemia briefing, with 75% of hypertension meeting participants reporting plans to apply what they learned.













Advisory Leadership Council

The Advisory Leadership Council is a group of nationally recognized leaders from various disciplines and sectors appointed by the Board of Directors to provide guidance and assist the Board in shaping and advancing strategies for improving cardiovascular health for everyone everywhere.

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2026–27 Strategic Plan

The 2026-27 Strategic Plan sets the National Forum's course toward realizing our vision of people throughout society living and enjoying heart-healthy, stroke-free lives.

Our Approach

Advocacy & Policy Development
Forging consensus, presenting a united front, and empowering members to influence policies and systems that improve cardiovascular health and strengthen vital conditions for all people's health and well-being.

Catalyst for Collaboration
Bringing public, private, and nonprofit stakeholders together to accelerate and enhance their impact.

Knowledge Exchange
Facilitating exchange of expertise, insights, and factual data with partners and stakeholders.

Thought Leadership
Drawing attention to innovative and inspiring ideas and evidence-based interventions to improve cardiovascular health.

Operational Excellence
Embracing principles and tools to achieve sustainable improvement and provide access to resources.

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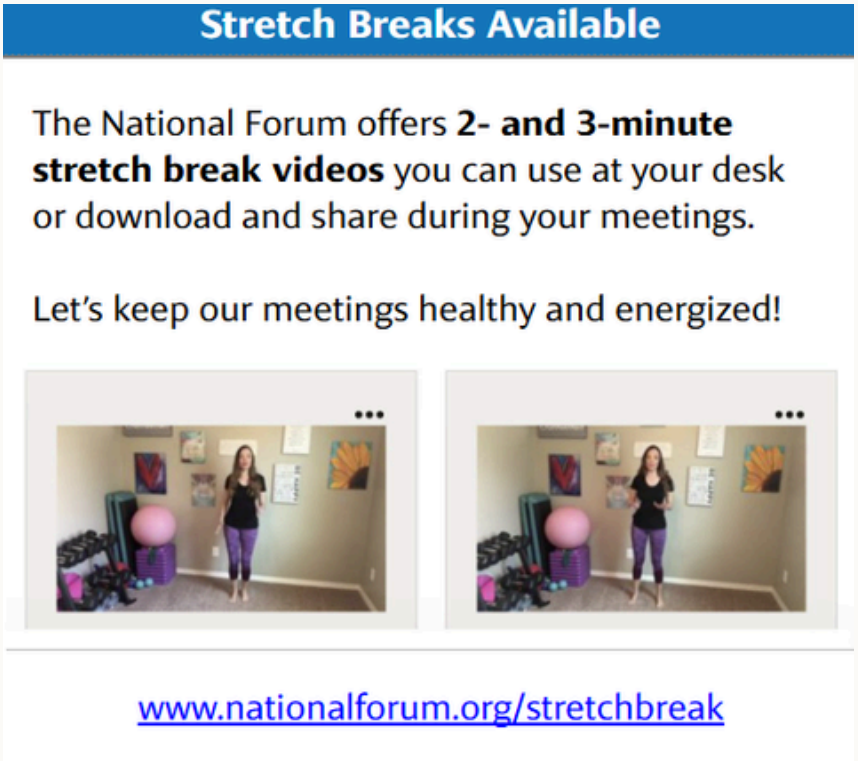
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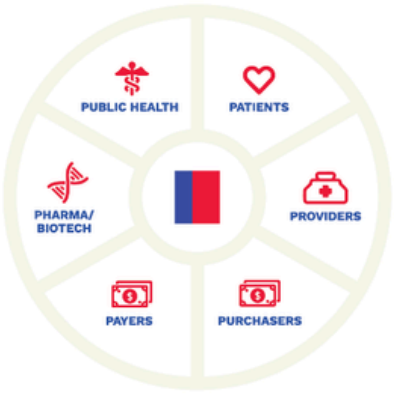
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VALUE & ACCESS COLLABORATIVE (V&AC)



Facilitated by the National Forum, the VA&C activates decision-makers from diverse stakeholder groups to reach common ground on policy and systems issues, and advance consensus solutions to value and access issues.

AMPLIFIED SHARED DECISION-MAKING TOOLS FOR PATIENT ENGAGEMENT

Shared decisions for better heart health

Five guides to strengthen cholesterol conversations



- Impressions: 23K–60K per week
- Reach: 11.5K–34K users per week
- Approximately 500 link clicks per boost



Updated tools to reflect updated dyslipidemia guidelines. Launched paid social media pushes throughout the year to highlight suite of SHARED Decision-Making Guides.

ENGAGED ON VALUE FRAMEWORKS & CMS PROPOSED CHANGES

Submitted consensus feedback to ICER on its draft evidence report evaluating hypertension therapies and provided comments to CMS supporting improved LDL cholesterol monitoring and management. Also urged CMS to address potential patient access barriers resulting from updates to the End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System.

INCREASED STAKEHOLDER KNOWLEDGE

V&AC briefing on CMS *Payment Policy Changes* provided a variety of perspectives and empowered stakeholders to understand and develop informed positions.











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Speaker Biographies



Bernadette Mazurek Melnyk

PhD, APRN-CNP, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN

Chair, National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention
Professor Emeritus
The Ohio State University
Editor, Worldviews on Evidence-Based Nursing

Dr. Bernadette Melnyk is an inspirational speaker, author, leader, innovator, entrepreneur and recognized expert in evidence-based practice, mental health, population health and well-being, intervention research and organizational culture change. She also is CEO and founder of COPE2Thrive, LLC. For the past 13 years, she served as Vice President for Health Promotion and Chief Wellness Officer at The Ohio State University, the first at an institution of higher learning in the nation, where she also was the Helene Fuld Health Trust Professor of Evidence-based Practice (EBP) in the College of Nursing and Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry in the College of Medicine.

In addition, she founded the Helene Fuld Health Trust National Institute for Evidence-based Practice in Nursing and Healthcare. Bern is a frequent keynote speaker at national and international conferences, and has presented hundreds of motivational workshops on EBP, mental health, organizational culture change, intervention research, leadership, and health and wellness throughout the nation and globe. She is editor of 8 books focused on EBP, child and adolescent mental health, intervention research, evidence-based health assessment, and leadership, innovation and entrepreneurship.

Dr. Melnyk has more than 600 publications and over $36 million dollars of sponsored funding from NIH, AHRQ and foundations as a principal investigator. She is an elected fellow of the American Academy of Nursing that has recognized her three times as an Edge Runner, the National Academy of Medicine, the National Academies of Practice, and the American Association of Nurse Practitioners.

Dr. Melnyk served a four-year term on the United States Preventive Services Task Force, the National Advisory Council for the National Institute for Nursing Research, and the Behavioral Health Standing Committee of the National Quality Forum. In addition, she served as dean of The Ohio State University College of Nursing and Arizona State University's College of Nursing and Health Innovation where she led the colleges to top U.S. News & World Report and NIH research funding rankings.

Dr. Melnyk currently serves as an elected board member and chair of the National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention and received honorary doctoral degrees from the State University of New York and Frontier Nursing University. Her evidence-based COPE cognitive-behavioral skills building programs for depression and anxiety are being used in primary care practices in all 50 states with reimbursement, K-12 schools, and universities across the country as well as five other countries.

Melnyk biography (continued)

Dr. Melnyk is editor-in-chief of Sigma's top ranked journal Worldviews on Evidence-based Nursing. She was appointed to the National Academy of Medicine's Action Collaborative on Clinician Well-being and Resilience in 2017 on which she still continues to serve, on the advisory board for the American Nurses Association's Healthy Nurse Healthy Nation initiative and is the founder and immediate past president of the National Consortium for Building Healthy Academic Communities.

She received her Bachelor of Science in nursing from West Virginia University, her Master of Science in nursing degree and pediatric nurse practitioner education from the University of Pittsburgh, and her PhD in clinical research and psychiatric nurse practitioner education from the University of Rochester.



John Clymer

Executive *Director*

National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention

John Clymer leads the National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention, a nonpartisan, nonprofit catalyst for multi-sector collaboration to improve cardiovascular and metabolic health for all. Under John's leadership since 2012, the National Forum has made a measurable impact on population health while increasing its revenues sevenfold.

National Forum-led collaborations have helped drive policy changes in 32 states that expanded people's access to evidence-based healthcare, and implementation of programs, policies, and infrastructure changes proven to improve health in communities in 39 states.

Additionally, John is a fellow of the Institute for Health Policy and Leadership at Loma Linda University, a guest lecturer at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and the senior member of the Community Preventive Services Task Force. He has served as a subject matter expert at the World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting in Davos.

As president of the Partnership for Prevention (2001-08), John spearheaded the successful advocacy campaign that secured the addition of preventive services to Medicare in 2003, established the National Commission on Prevention Priorities, earned recognition from Harvard Business Review for a "Breakthrough Idea" in workforce health, and quadrupled PfP's revenues.

John has conducted numerous Congressional briefings, appeared on Fox & Friends, NBC Nightly News, CNBC, public radio, and in print media such as The New York Times, and authored book chapters and articles on prevention. He served as TEDMED's Thought Leader for Great Challenges: Making Prevention Popular and Profitable.

Keynote - From Aspiration to Action: Making Prevention the Foundation of a Healthier America.



The Honorable Erica Schwartz, MD, MPH, JD (RADM, USPHS, RET)

Director, Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Prior to joining CDC, Dr. Schwartz served as the United States Deputy Surgeon General. During her tenure, she played a pivotal role in the COVID-19 pandemic, designing and operationalizing scalable drive-through testing sites across all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia.

This effort resulted in the testing of nearly 11.5 million Americans and expanded access to care while preserving critical hospital capacity.

Dr. Schwartz's early career includes service as an occupational medicine physician in the US Navy. Her assignments included serving as the Chief of the Occupational Medicine Clinic and the Immunization Clinic and serving as the Preventive Medicine Department Head at the Naval Medical Clinic in Annapolis, MD. She also served as an occupational medicine physician and clinical epidemiologist at the Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center in Portsmouth, VA.

In 2005, Dr. Schwartz transferred from the Navy to the United States Public Health Service (USPHS) and was detailed to the US Coast Guard. She focused on developing force health protection guidance for responders during major national and global crises such as Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the 2009 H1N1 pandemic, the 2010 Haiti earthquake, Deepwater Horizon, and the West Africa Ebola outbreak.

In 2015, Dr. Schwartz was appointed to the rank of rear admiral in the USPHS and became Chief Medical Officer for the US Coast Guard, where she oversaw the Coast Guard's healthcare system, safety program, and work-life initiatives.

Dr. Schwartz holds a Bachelor of Science in biomedical engineering and a Doctor of Medicine from Brown University. She also earned a Master of Public Health in epidemiology from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Maryland. Her academic and professional training reflects a lifelong commitment to public health, scientific rigor, and operational excellence.

Session 1: Making Every Visit a Prevention Opportunity



Mark McClellan, MD,PhD

Director, Duke-Margolis Institute for Health Policy

Professor of Business, Medicine and Policy

Duke University

Mark McClellan, MD, PhD is Director and Robert J. Margolis, M.D., Professor of Business, Medicine and Policy at the Duke-Margolis Institute for Health Policy at Duke University. He is a physician-economist who focuses on quality and value in health care including payment reform, real-world evidence and more effective drug and device innovation.

At the center of the nation's efforts to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, the author of COVID-19 response roadmap, and co-author of a comprehensive set health policy strategies for COVID vaccines, testing, and treatments, Dr. McClellan and his Duke-Margolis colleagues are now focused on health policy strategies and solutions to advance the resilience and interconnectedness of 21st Century public health and health care .

Mark is a former administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and former commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration where he developed and implemented major reforms in health policy. Dr. McClellan is an independent board member on the boards of Johnson & Johnson, Cigna, Alignment Healthcare, and PrognomIQ; co-chairs the Guiding Committee for the Health Care Payment Learning and Action Network; and serves as an advisor for Arsenal Capital Group, Blackstone Life Sciences.



Michael W. Cropp, MD, MBA

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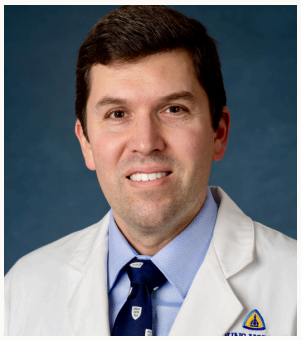
Michael W. Cropp, M.D., M.B.A. is the chief executive officer at Independent Health. Under his leadership, the organization delivers products and services that improve the health of almost 400,000 customers – and has been consistently recognized nationally for excellence in quality, service and innovation.

Dr. Cropp is a board-certified family physician with more than 25 years of experience practicing medicine. Working as a physician leader, Dr. Cropp has a long and distinguished career in public health service. He was an associate medical director and family physician for three managed care organizations, and also served as medical director for the Millard Fillmore Health System. In 1996, Dr. Cropp joined Independent Health as executive vice president and chief medical officer and was appointed president and CEO in 2004.

Dr. Cropp's focus on building leadership capacity for sustainable accountable quality care reaches beyond Western New York including service on the National Forum for the Prevention of Heart Disease & Stroke, America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) and as past chairman of the Alliance of Community Health Plans (ACHP). Dr. Cropp was invited to a meeting at the White House to discuss his efforts to promote efficiency and quality in the health care delivery system.

Dr. Cropp was appointed by New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo to the University at Buffalo Council and the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council. He also serves on the boards of the Buffalo Niagara Partnership, Buffalo Center for Arts and Technology (BCAT) and previously served on the boards of the Response to Love Center, the Olmsted Center for Visually Impaired, and the University at Buffalo Foundation. Dr. Cropp serves as the chair of the advisory board to FTI Consulting's Center for Healthcare Economics and Policy. He also served as the founding chair of three local 501c3 organizations – HealtheLink (our regional information organization), the Population Health Collaborative and GO Bike Buffalo. Dr. Cropp received his bachelor's and medical degrees from Brown University and earned an M.B.A. from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Session 2: From Evidence to Action: The New Playbooks for Hypertension and Dyslipidemia Management



Seth S. Martin, MD, MHS

Professor, Division of Cardiology, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine
Director, Digital Health Innovations Lab,
Director, Advanced Lipid Disorders Clinic
Faculty Leader, Barker Firm, Osler Medical Residency
Core Faculty, Ciccarone Center for the Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease
Assoc. Faculty, Welch Center for Prevention, Epidemiology, and Clinical Research

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 a co-author of the 2026 ACC/AHA/Multisociety Dyslipidemia Guideline. 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.



Sadiya S. Khan, MD, MSc

Magerstadt Professor of Cardiovascular Epidemiology
Associate Professor of Medicine and Preventive Medicine
Director, Center for Population Science and Aging
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Deputy Executive Editor, Circulation

Dr. Sadiya Khan is the Magerstadt Professor of Cardiovascular Epidemiology and Director of the Center for Population Science and Aging at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine.

She led the development of the PREVENT equations and served as member of the writing group for the AHA/ACC High Blood Pressure and CKM guidelines. Her AHA and NIH-funded research focuses on predicting and preventing cardiovascular disease across the life course.

She serves as the Deputy Executive Editor for Circulation. She was recently selected for the 2026 TIME100 Health to recognize the 100 individuals who most influenced global health this year.



Jacob Shiff

Chief AI & Technology Officer, CMS Innovation Center

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Jacob focuses on payment policy to enable the effective adoption of AI and technology across the healthcare system, including initiatives such as the CMS ACCESS model. Prior to joining CMS, Jacob co-founded and led Anomaly, a venture-backed startup streamlining the health insurance billing and payment process, and worked at Redesign Health, Flatiron Health and Google. Jacob has a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and MBA from Stanford University.

Session 3: A United Voice for Prevention



Edward T. A. Fry, MD, MACC, FSCAI, (Hon.) FRCPI

Past President, American College of Cardiology

Chair, Ascension Health CV Service Line

Edward Fry was born in Dublin, Ireland, attended Grinnell College (Iowa), and medical school at Washington University, in St. Louis. Dr. Fry completed Internship and Residency in Internal Medicine, as well as Cardiology Fellowship at Barnes Hospital/Washington University School of Medicine.

He completed a two-year Research Fellowship studying the biochemistry of native and genetically modified plasminogen activators with Dr. Burton Sobel. He remained on faculty at Washington University as Assistant Professor and Medical Director of the Cardiac Transplant Program. He completed a Fellowship in Interventional Cardiology at Ascension/St. Vincent Health, Indianapolis under the mentorship of Dr. Cass Pinkerton. He joined the cardiology practice at (Ascension) St. Vincent in 1991 and has remained there since. Dr. Fry currently serves as Chair of the Ascension National CV Service Line (2015-present). He helped launch and previously served as Board Chair of Navion Health Care Solutions, LLC (2005-2010); a data quality management software company now owned by Ascension.

Currently, he is a Past President of the American College of Cardiology (ACC, President 2022-2023). Dr. Fry is past President and Governor of the IN Chapter of the ACC; has served on the ACC Board of Trustees (2018 2024); Board of Managers of MedAxiom (2019-2022); Audit and Compliance Committee (Chair), Digital Strategy Steering Committee; Interventional Section Leadership Council; Surviving Acute MI Work Group; Integrating the Health Enterprise (IHE) Health Policy Work Group; Clinical Quality Committee; ACC COVID-19 Hub; BOG Steering Committee; Innovations Development Work Group; Clinician Well-being Task Force; Health Systems Task Force; ACC/AHA Ethics and Professionalism Consensus Task Force, and ACC Nominating Committee(Chair). He is the Chair of the World Heart Federation Audit Committee (2024-present).

Dr. Fry is a key clinical faculty member for the Ascension Indiana Cardiology Fellowship Training Program and Marian University School of Medicine. He has been a presenter, moderator, and session chair at multiple national and international meetings. He has published over 60 manuscripts. He is an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians Ireland. Dr. Fry and his wife Kathy (OT, WUMS 1978) have three adult sons and live in Indianapolis.



Marc Hurlbert, PhD

Chief Executive Officer

National Kidney Foundation

Dr. Marc Hurlbert, Ph.D., is a pharmacologist and healthcare executive serving as Chief Executive Officer of the National Kidney Foundation (NKF), a role he began on July 1, 2026. Over more than 25 years, he and his teams have managed $750 million-plus in medical research funding to advance treatments, patient advocacy, and health equity.

Before joining NKF, Dr. Hurlbert held senior leadership roles in biomedical nonprofits, including CEO and Chief Scientific Officer of the Melanoma Research Alliance, Chief Mission Officer at the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, and leadership roles with the Avon Foundation Breast Cancer Crusade and JDRF. In 2013, he co-founded the Metastatic Breast Cancer Alliance and chaired it until 2018.

His work includes patient-centered research frameworks and digital tools such as MBC Connect, which helps people with metastatic breast cancer track treatment and quality-of-life information. As Chair of the Health Research Alliance, he helped move nonprofit grantmaking to e-grant platforms and supported HRA Analyzer, a database tracking more than $18 billion in biomedical grants. He has co-authored more than 40 peer-reviewed studies in public health, pharmacology, oncology, and health disparities.

Dr. Hurlbert holds a bachelor's degree in Biochemistry from the University of Kansas, a Ph.D. in Pharmacology from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center and completed postdoctoral training at NYU Medical Center.



Rita Rastogi Kalyani, MD, MHS

Former Chief Scientific & Medical Officer

American Diabetes Association

Rita Rastogi Kalyani, MD, MHS, previously served on the American Diabetes Association's (ADA's) National Board of Directors as president of medicine & science and as a dedicated ADA volunteer for two decades a clinician-scientist, Dr. Kalyani has conducted epidemiological and patient-oriented research that has led to fundamental discoveries regarding the development of skeletal muscle loss, physical disability, and frailty in diabetes.

She has also spearheaded studies investigating sex differences in cardiovascular disease and diabetes which have influenced primary prevention guidelines. Her commitment to extraordinary diabetes care is exemplified by her leadership of several successful programs in diabetes research, clinical practice, and education on a national and international level during her tenure as a professor of medicine in the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, & Metabolism at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Kaylani biography (continued)

As of Health (NIH)-funded grants and on investigator teams bringing in more than $30 million in funding. She has over 175 peer-reviewed publications, including a solo authored clinical practice review in the New England Journal of Medicine on contemporary treatments for type 2 diabetes (2021). Dr. Kalyani founded and has served as director of the Diabetes Management Service for the state-of-the-art Total Pancreatectomy Islet Auto Transplant program at Johns Hopkins with a clinical referral base from across the U.S. and internationally.

She has led statewide diabetes initiatives in Maryland; steered international diabetes collaborations across the Caribbean, Middle East, and Asia; and received major recognition, including the Endocrine Society's Laureate Award for Outstanding Public Service. Dr. Kalyani has also coauthored two award-winning books for people living with diabetes. She completed her bachelor's degree in neurobiology at Harvard College. She received her medical degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, where she also completed a residency in internal medicine and fellowship in endocrinology, diabetes, and metabolism.

Dr. Kalyani completed a Master of Health Science in clinical investigation from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the Strategic Healthcare Leadership Program at the Johns Hopkins Carey Business School.



Eduardo Sanchez, MD, MPH, FAHA

Chief Medical Officer for Prevention

American Heart Association

Dr. Eduardo Sanchez serves as Chief Medical Officer (CMO) for Prevention for the American Heart Association (AHA) He was the Principal Investigator (PI), from 2020-2024, of the National Hypertension Control Initiative (NHCI), a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Minority Health (OMH) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

He is the AHA clinical lead on Target:BPTM, a joint blood pressure control initiative with the American Medical Association. Before joining AHA, he served as Vice President and CMO for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas. Dr. Sanchez led the Texas Department of Health from 2001 to 2004 and the Texas Department of State Health Services from 2004 to 2006. From 1992-1998, he saw patients at the Austin/Travis County HHS Federally Qualified Health Center.

He serves and has served on numerous local, state, and national health-related boards of directors and advisory committees. Dr. Sanchez obtained his MD from the University of Texas (UT) Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, an MPH from the UT Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health, and an MS in biomedical engineering from Duke University. He holds a BS in biomedical engineering and a BA in chemistry from Boston University.

Closing Keynote - Unleashing Prevention's Power: The Next Chapter



The Honorable Mehmet C. Oz, MD, MBA

Administrator

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Dr. Oz serves as the 17th Administrator for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services under HHS Secretary Robert Kennedy, Jr., and President Donald Trump. He is a Professor Emeritus at NY Presbyterian-Columbia Medical Center and has won nine Daytime Emmy® Awards.

Dr. Oz received his undergraduate degree from Harvard University and obtained a joint MD and MBA from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and Wharton Business School.

He is the author of eight New York Times Best Sellers and was a founder of a lifestyle magazine with a focus that extends well beyond health and wellness to relationships, beauty, food and home.

In 2003, Dr. Oz founded a national non-profit which emulates the Peace Corps by putting energetic recent college graduates into high schools around the country to teach diet, fitness and mental resilience. He has raised $100 million to help 3 million teens with this nationwide program.

In addition to belonging to every major professional society for heart surgeons, Dr. Oz has been named Time magazine's 100 Most Influential People, Forbes' most influential celebrity, Esquire magazine's 75 Most Influential People of the 21st Century, Harvard's 100 Most Influential Alumni, AARP 50 Influential People Over 50, and received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and a Hollywood Walk of Fame Star.

Dr. Oz resides in Pennsylvania with his wife Lisa Oz and is a proud father of four and grandfather of five children.

STRETCH BREAK



Jen Childress, MS

Director of Programs

National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention

Jen Childress manages the National Forum's Value & Access Collaboration and Move with the Mayor initiatives. Ms. Childress brings 20 years of experience in the field of health promotion. She co-created and launched HealthLead®, a comprehensive workplace and academic health promotion accreditation initiative that helps organizations and universities enhance their health and wellness management policies.

Ms. Childress has over a decade of leadership in private and non-profit sectors, organizing events and convening stakeholders, including recruiting & educating lay leaders, senior leaders, & community champions. She currently serves on the on the US Conference of Mayors Business Council Steering Committee. In 2016, she was named one of the National Top Ten Business Women of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) for her contributions to business, community, and the association.

Jen holds a master's degree in health Promotion Management & certificates in Personal Fitness Training, Coaching & Health Education. She has authored content published in peer-reviewed articles and publications.

CONFERENCE PRODUCTION



Julie A. Harvill, MPH, MPA

Director of Operations
National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention

Julie Harvill, MPA, MPH® is the Director of Operations for the National Forum. In this capacity, she oversees and manages the daily operations of the organization. Working with the management team, she contributes to the development and implementation of organizational strategies, programs, policies and practices in support of the National Forum's vision, mission, 2021 goal and strategic priorities. She provides strategic, logistical and administrative support to the Forum's Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Corporate Operations and Finance Committees. She directs the Annual Meeting and Mid-Year Meetings, and other special work groups.

Harvill, a native of Illinois received a bachelor's in psychology and social service from Bradley University in 1985, a master's in public administration from Sangamon State University in 1993 and a master's in public health from the University of Illinois at Springfield in 2001. She was formerly the administrator of the Illinois Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention program. Harvill was President of the Chronic Disease Directors in 2004-2005. She was the Co-chair of the Cardiovascular Health Council in 1998, President of the Illinois Society for Public Health Education in 1995 and Executive Council Member of the Illinois Public Health Association from 1992–1995. She was co-chair of the National Chronic Disease Conference in 2004 and chair of the Great Lakes Regional Cardiovascular Conference in 2003. Harvill received the Community Service Award from the Illinois Department of Public Health in 1997, the Outstanding Leadership Award from the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors in 2006 and the National Forum Chair Recognition Award for her leadership and actions to increase effectiveness of the organization in 2010.



John Bartkus

Program Management Consultant Pensivia

John Bartkus specializes in enterprise performance improvement and project/program management. His 25+ years in project management across a variety of industries (broadcast, travel, software, healthcare, behavioral health, architecture & engineering, learning development, telecoms, legal, non- profit) and disciplines (marketing, sales, operations, IT, OD, consulting) working with companies such as British Airways, SITA, Freese & Nichols, Jacobs Engineering, Carter & Burgess, Carstens & Cahoon, DFW Airport, WFAA, AbleTo, ForeFront Telecare, and the American Heart Association. John is a Project Management Institute (PMI) Certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and a Certified Professional Facilitator (CPF) with the International Association of Facilitators. His formal education includes a Bachelor's in Applied Technology and Performance Improvement (BAAS-ATPI), and he is a former president of the Fort Worth Chapter of the Project Management Institute and was named PMI Chapter Leader of the Year (globally) in 2013.

John has supported the National Forum with project management for the annual convening – as well as production services to make it engage and broaden the reach/impact.



Sunny Hsu

Finance Officer

National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention

Sunny Hsu is an experienced Financial Officer at National Forum, responsible for managing grant-funded programs. With nearly 20 years of experience in financial management and office administration, Sunny has become a seasoned grant management professional with a proven record of accomplishment of managing grants from federal, state, and private sources. She excels in budget development, compliance, and reporting, and is highly skilled in managing complex grant-funded programs while collaborating with diverse stakeholders.

Prior to joining National Forum, Sunny served at three major research universities, including the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Iowa State University, and Texas Tech University Health Science Center. She is passionate about grant management and is committed to achieving excellence in her work. Her expertise and experience have been invaluable to the organizations she has served.

Sunny is a team player who enjoys collaborating with others. She resides in Lubbock, TX, and is an avid tennis player, jogger, and hiker. In her leisure time, Sunny loves going on cruises and ballroom dancing.



Whitney Webber, MBA

Communications and Event Manager

National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention

Whitney Webber is an Event Coordinator for the National Forum. She has a BA in Communications from the University of Kansas and an MBA from Baker University. She has worked for the past decade in event planning and marketing for various associations and companies. Whitney lives in Lawrence, Kansas, with her daughter Grace and spends her free time cooking and traveling.



Amanda Thomas

Communications and Community Event Coordinator

National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention

Amanda Thomas is a communications and community engagement coordinator for the National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention. In her role, she develops and implements effective communication strategies for the National Forum. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from the University of Alabama with a major in Journalism and minors in Creative Writing and English. She has over eight years of experience working in the healthcare sector, specifically focusing on communications, community outreach, and engagement. She's passionate about promoting mental health awareness and reducing the stigma surrounding it. She lives in Atlanta, where she enjoys running, watching horror movies, and spending time with her family. .

2025 Annual Business Meeting Minutes

FOR MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL
October 22nd, 2026

Call to Order – Bernadette Melnyk, PhD, APRN-CNP, Chair
Dr. Melnyk called the National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention's 2025 Annual Business Meeting to order.

Roll Call and Voting
The Zoom Events attendance record was used in place of a live roll call.

Consent Agenda - Bernadette Melnyk, PhD, APRN-CNP. Chair
Dr. Melnyk asked members to submit any corrections to the October 24, 2024, meeting minutes. No corrections were submitted. Celeste Philip moved to approve the minutes, and Darwin Labarthe seconded the motion. Members approved the minutes by poll.

Treasurer's Report – Celeste Philip, MD, MPH, Treasurer
Dr. Philip reported nearly $1.9 million in cash and receivables across the National Forum's accounts, representing approximately 16 months of operating expenses. The August 2025 balance sheet showed higher cash and receivables than in August 2024. Revenues had increased, and the statement of activities showed that the National Forum continued to operate with a positive financial position.



Dr. Philip moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, and Dr. Labarthe seconded the motion. Members approved the report by poll.

Executive Director's Report – John Clymer
Mr. Clymer reported that the National Forum welcomed three new member organizations:

Constellation Quality Health, HeartCharged, and the City of Hometown, Illinois. The Value and Access Collaborative released a co-branded shared decision-making guide on lipoprotein(a) and planned a dissemination and implementation campaign for 2026.

Since the previous annual business meeting, the National Forum has held 11 briefings on timely prevention and health policy issues. A briefing on the new high blood pressure guideline drew representatives from 130 organizations; 80 percent of attendees planned to implement ideas from the briefing, and nearly 82 percent said they would recommend it to colleagues. Attendees at a briefing on dialysis payment changes self-reported understanding of the issue increased by 45 percent.

The National Forum will continue expanding Move with the Mayor® and measuring the effects of local policies, programs, and environmental changes. Through a new partnership with the Family Heart Foundation, mayors and clinicians will promote Cholesterol Connect, which provides free cholesterol testing and care navigation. In other communities, mayors and pharmacists will encourage influenza immunization.

Planned priorities include launching the National Lipid Action Collaborative; sharing the business case for hypertension control with employers; documenting practices that improve hypertension control; building public support for strengthening vital conditions for health and well-being; and convening partners to advance prevention. Mr. Clymer said this work implements the 2025–2026 Strategic Plan adopted by the Board earlier in the year.

Governance Committee Report – Bernadette Melnyk, PhD, APRN-CNP, Chair
The following persons were nominated for two-year terms as Directors:
• Margaret (Meg) Guerin-Calvert – 2nd Term
• Honorable Jerome Adams, MD, MSPH – 2nd Term
• Susan Kansagra, MD, MBA – 1st Term

Darwin Labarthe moved to elect the slate, and Celeste Philip seconded the motion. Members approved the nominees by poll. Jerome Adams, Meg Guerin-Calvert, and Susan Kansagra were elected.

2025 National Forum Awards
The National Forum recognized eight individuals and organizations for their contributions to heart disease and stroke prevention.
• Heart-Healthy and Stroke-Free Award, Individual: Janet S. Wright, MD, was recognized for her leadership in prevention through the American College of Cardiology, Million Hearts, the Office of the Surgeon General, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
• Heart-Healthy and Stroke-Free Award, Organization: Walk with a Doc, accepted by founder and president David Sabgir, MD, was recognized for its volunteer-led chapters that combine walking and health education and support physical activity and community connection.
• Public Policy Award, Individual: Mark Mioduski, senior consultant at Cornerstone Government Affairs, was recognized for decades of public service and policy work supporting implementation of the Public Health Action Plan to Prevent Heart Disease and Stroke.
• Public Policy Award, Organization: The Rippel Foundation, accepted by President and CEO Becky Payne, was recognized for advancing the Vital Conditions for Health and Well-Being Framework and supporting measurable systems change in communities.
• Commitment Award: Meg Guerin-Calvert was recognized for her guidance, leadership, and collaboration in strengthening the National Forum's impact on cardiovascular health.
• Commitment Award: Derrick Jacobs was recognized for his collaboration, operational support, and friendship during his tenure with the American Heart Association.
• National Forum Chair Recognition Award: David Joel Maron, MD, was recognized for uniting experts to develop a coronary artery calcium staging system and practical tools for precision prevention and shared decision-making.
• National Forum Chair Recognition Award: Kate Gawlik, DNP, AP-CRN, was recognized for her leadership in population health, preventive medicine, clinician well-being, health professional education, and cardiovascular prevention, including Million Hearts.The National Forum will continue expanding Move with the Mayor and measuring the effects of local policies, programs, and environmental changes. Through a new partnership with the Family Heart Foundation, mayors and clinicians will promote Cholesterol Connect, which provides free cholesterol testing and care navigation. In other communities, mayors and pharmacists will encourage influenza immunization.

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Director, National Institute of Neurological
Disorders and Stroke

NEW BUSINESS

Bernadette Mazurek Melnyk, PhD, APRN-CNP
National Forum Chair

BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNAMENT

Bernadette Mazurek Melnyk, PhD, APRN-CNP

24th ANNUAL MEETING CLOSING

John M Clymer

4:20 p.m.

ADVISORY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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Consultant
New Amsterdam Pharmaceuticals

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Johns Hopkins School of Nursing
Assistant Professor
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

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Global Clinical Lead, Thrombosis and Vascular Diseases
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Director of Preventive Cardiology
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Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Medicine,
University of Queensland OCS
Neurocritical Care Director of Medical Education,
Neurocritical Care Fellowship Assistant Program Director,
Ochsner Medical Center

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Chief Scientific Advisor
National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention

Kevin B. Sneed, PHARMD, FNAP, FNPHA
Professor, Taneja College of Pharmacy
University of South Florida

New Business – Bernadette Melnyk, PhD, APRN-CNP
Dr. Melnyk opened the floor for new business. No new business was submitted.

Adjourn
Darwin Labarthe moved to adjourn, and Celeste Philip seconded the motion. Members approved the motion by poll, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. ET.

NATIONAL FORUM CHAIRS

Bernadette Mazurek Melnyk, PhD, APRN-CNP
2024- Present

Marcus Plescia, MD, MPH
Chief Medical Officer
2023-2024
Assoc. of State & Territorial Health Officers

Warren A Jones, MD, FAAFP
2020-2022
Chair Emeritus of Family Medicine
University of Mississippi Medical Center

Kimberly Stitzel, MS, RD
2019-2020
American Heart Association

Laura Gordon
2018-2019
Institute for Advanced Clinical Trials for Children Jennifer G Robinson, MD, MPH
2017-2018
University of Iowa

Jennifer G. Robinson, MD, MPH
2017-2018
University of Iowa

Dave Zook, JD
2016-2017
Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP

Sharon Moffatt, RN, BSN, MSN
2014-2016
Assoc. of State & Territorial Health Officials

Keith C Ferdinand, MD, FACC, FAHA
2012-2014
Tulane University School of Medicine
Thomas A Pearson, MD, MPH, PHD
2010-2012 University of Rochester Medical Center

Mark Schoeberl, MPA
2008-2010
American Heart Association

Darwin R Labarthe, MD, MPH, PHD
2006-2008
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

PAST MEMBER MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL FORUM

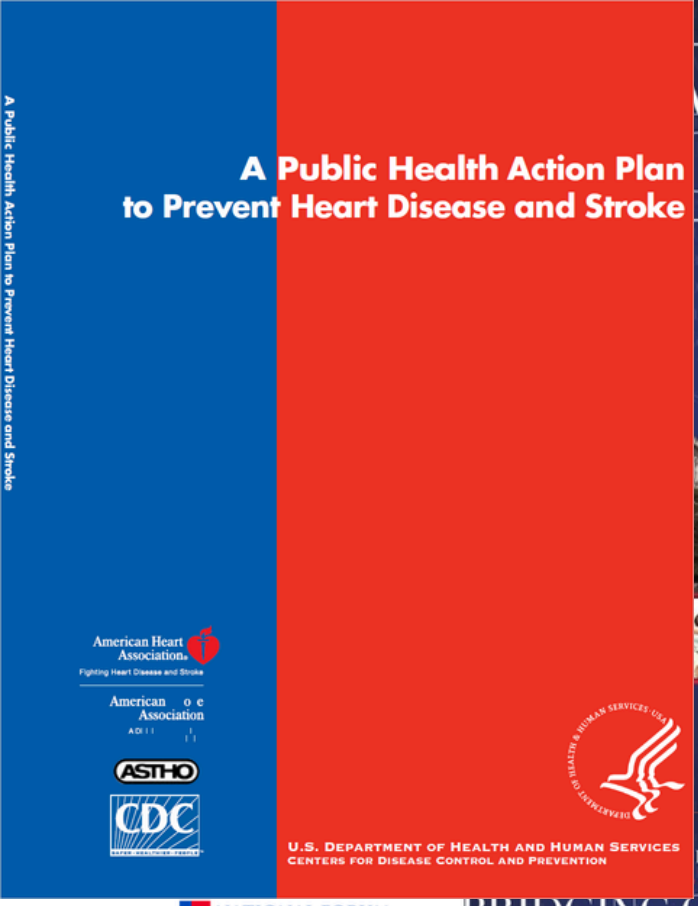
MID-YEAR MEETING (MAY)

2026 Hypertension Takedown™: Unleashing Prevention's Power
2025 Hypertension Takedown™: Raising the Priority on Preventing and Controlling the World's Leading Preventable Cause of Death
2024 Making Equitable Hypertension Control a New Norm
2023 Improving Hypertension Prevention and Management
2022 Paying Attention to Hypertension, Spotlight on Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring
2021 Answering the Surgeon General's Call to Action to Control Hypertension
2020 Improving Blood Pressure Control at the Community Level
2019 Celebrating World Hypertension Day
2018 Celebration of World Hypertension Day
2017 Policy, Program, and System Change Strategies to Improve Hypertension Control

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL FORUM

2026: Unleashing Prevention's Power: Improving Americans' Heart, Kidney, Metabolic, and Brain Health
2025: Championing a Heart-Healthy America: Uniting Against the Leading Cause of Death
2024: Advancing Health Throughout America: Novel Data-Driven Approaches for Cardiovascular Health
2023: Health Everyone Benefits: Changing the Narrative
2022: Health Benefits Everyone
2021: Reaching for Cardiovascular Health: Investing Where it Matters
2020: Cardiovascular Health: More Urgent than Ever
2019: Catalyst for Collaboration
2018: Paths to Innovation
2017: Paths to Engagement
2016: Bridging Clinical & Population Health
2015: Advancing the ABCs of Prevention
2014: Collaborating for Impact
2013: Sharing Success: Idea, Insights, and Innovations
2012: Working Together: Policies, Partners and Action
2011: Transforming Leadership, Policy and Practice: A Partnership of Leaders
2010: Creating the Will for a Heart Healthy and Stroke Free Society
2009: Seizing Opportunities
2008: At the Nexus of Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention
2007: Making the Connections: Science, Policy, and Action
2006: Building Momentum
2005: Taking Action
2004: Setting Priorities
2003: Launching the Plan


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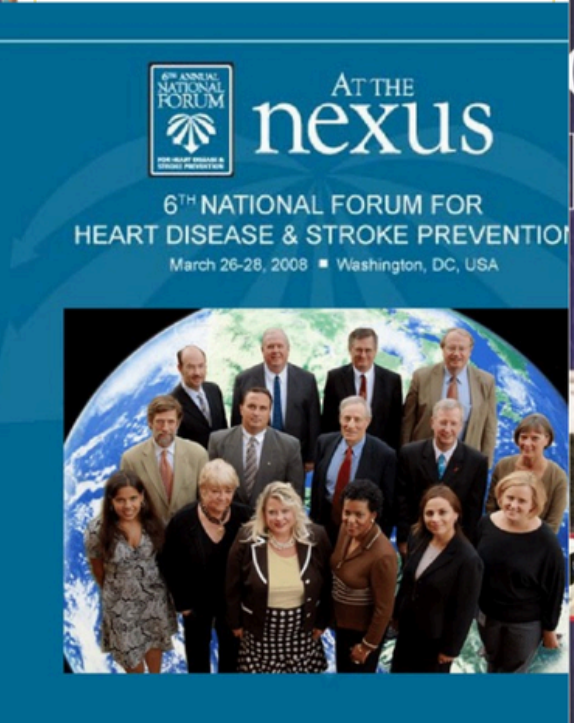

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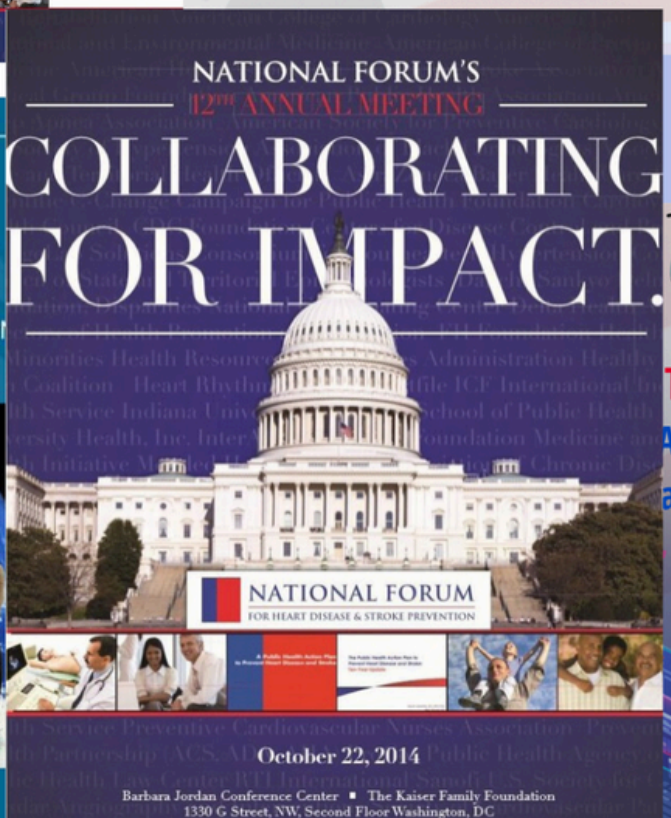




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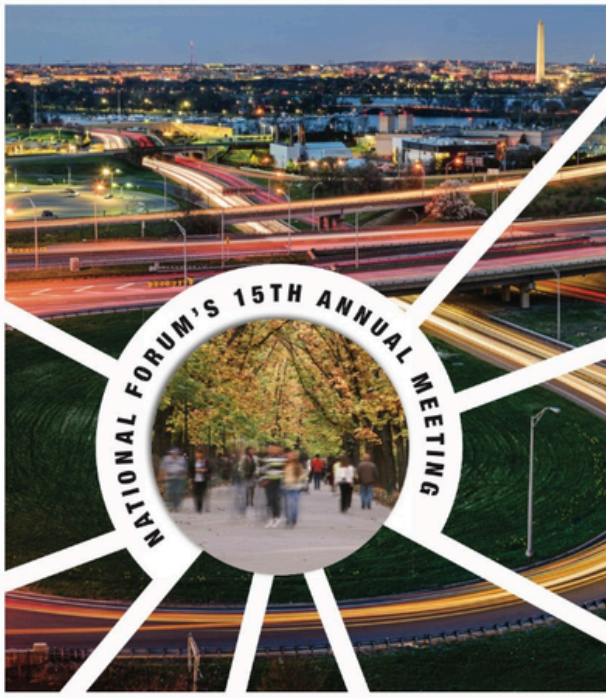


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