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2025 IHA LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

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NAVIGATING CHANGE WITH SHARED STRENGTH



In a time of rapid change and growing uncertainty, healthcare leaders face both formidable challenges and extraordinary opportunities.

The 2025 IHA Leadership Summit invites hospital and health system leaders to come together in a spirit of unity, sharing purpose, innovation, and resolve. This conference is a vital moment to align with peers, embrace bold thinking, and chart a powerful course forward for Illinois healthcare. *Because even in uncertain times, unity is our greatest strength.*

**We invite your entire leadership team to
participate in this meaningful event.**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

MEMBER PANEL DISCUSSION

Rising Above the Uncertainties: New Thinking for Illinois Healthcare

Moderator

Shawn P. Vincent

Chair | IHA Board of Trustees
President and CEO | Loyola Medicine, Maywood

Panelists

Michelle Conger

President | OSF HealthCare, Peoria

Polly Davenport, DSc, MBA, RN, FACHE

Senior Vice President and Ministry Market Executive
Ascension Illinois, Chicago

Dia Nichols, FACHE

President | Advocate Health Care, Oak Brook

Kim Uphoff

President and CEO | Sarah Bush Lincoln Health System, Mattoon

The Human Margin: Building Foundations of Trust

Katherine Meese, PhD

Assistant Professor of Health Services Administration
University of Alabama at Birmingham

NEW THIS YEAR!

MEMBER INNOVATION SHOWCASE

Learn best practices and real-world solutions to common management challenges, shared by your peers from IHA-member hospitals and health systems.

CORPORATE SPONSOR BREAKOUT SESSIONS

AI Lessons from Across the Industry

John League

Managing Director, Digital and Ambulatory Strategy Research
Advisory Board

Carol Chouinard

Vice President, Provider Technology Strategy Lead | Optum Advisory

Workforce Wellness: Effective Approaches to Foster Well-Being and Retention in Healthcare

Patti Artley

Chief Nursing Officer and Chief Clinical Officer | Medical Solutions

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Pivot, Partner, Perform: A Playbook for Hospital Leaders in Volatile Times

Moderator

Jay Shannon, MD, Principal | Health Management Associates (HMA)

Patrick Burke, Principal | HMA

Teresa Garate, PhD, Managing Director | HMA

Rob Ross, Managing Director, Delivery Systems | HMA

FEATURED SPEAKER

Where to Turn When the Political Climate Heats Up

Amy Walter, Publisher and Editor-in-Chief | Cook Political Report
with Amy Walter and On-Air Political Analyst

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

AI LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE

What's Working and What's Not Working (Yet)

Alexis Kayser

Healthcare Editor | Newsweek magazine

Abel N. Kho, MD, MS, FACMI

Professor of Medicine and Preventive Medicine and Founding Director,
Institute for AI in Medicine (I.AIM), Feinberg School of Medicine
Northwestern University, Chicago

Jonathan Handler, MD

Senior Fellow for Innovation | OSF HealthCare, Peoria

Sachin D. Shah, MD, FACP, FAAP

Chief Medical Information Officer and Associate Professor of Medicine
and Pediatrics | UChicago Medicine and Biological Sciences, Chicago

Please Note

Additional panelists will be announced.

FEATURED SPEAKER

Thriving Amid Uncertainty: Strategic Pathways for Healthcare in the Years Ahead

Craig Deao

Managing Director | Huron

INSPIRATIONAL CLOSING

Overcome and Thrive: How to Overcome Obstacles and Win This Fight Called Life

Justin Wren

Humanitarian, Author, MMA Fighter, Mental Health Advocate, Podcast Host

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