



RESPONSIBLE AI FOR HEALTH SYMPOSIUM 2026

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



LEO CELI, MD MPH MS

Senior Research Scientist,
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Leo Anthony Celi has practiced medicine in three continents, giving him broad perspectives in healthcare delivery. As clinical research director and principal research scientist at the MIT Laboratory of Computational Physiology (LCP), he brings together clinicians and data scientists to support research using data routinely collected in the intensive care unit (ICU). His group built and maintains the Medical Information Mart for Intensive Care (MIMIC) database. This public-access database has been meticulously de-identified and is freely shared online with the research community. It is an unparalleled research resource; over 2000 investigators from more than 30 countries have free access to the clinical data under a data use agreement. In 2016, LCP partnered with Philips eICU Research Institute to host the eICU database with more than 2 million ICU patients admitted across the United States. The goal is to scale the database globally and build an international collaborative research community around health data analytics.

Leo founded and co-directs Sana, a cross-disciplinary organization based at the Institute for Medical Engineering and Science at MIT, whose objective is to leverage information technology to improve health outcomes in low- and middle-income countries. At its core is an open-source mobile tele-health platform that allows for capture, transmission and archiving of complex medical data (e.g. images, videos, physiologic signals such as ECG, EEG and oto-acoustic emission responses), in addition to patient demographic and clinical information. Sana is the inaugural recipient of both the mHealth (Mobile Health) Alliance Award from the United Nations Foundation and the Wireless Innovation Award from the Vodafone Foundation in 2010. The software has since been implemented around the globe including India, Kenya, Lebanon, Haiti, Mongolia, Uganda, Brazil, Ethiopia, Argentina, and South Africa.



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DAVID C. RHEW, MD

Global Chief Medical Officer (CMO) and
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Microsoft

As Microsoft's Global CMO, David has led efforts around the COVID-19 pandemic (working with WHO, CDC, and U.S. States), responsible AI (as co-founder of the Trustworthy Responsible AI Network [TRAIN]), and rural health (as co-founder of the Rural Health Transformation Collaborative).

He has pioneered the development of evidence-based order sets in EHRs while at Zynx Health and home-based cardiac rehab while at Samsung. He holds six U.S. technology patents that enable authoring, mapping, and integration of clinical decision support into electronic health records.

He has sat on National Quality Forum's Executive CSAC Board; is Chair-emeritus for Consumer Technology Association's Health Technology Board; and serves on the Executive Advisory Board for AdvaMed Digital Health and NESTcc (medical device advisory for FDA, CMS, & NIH).

He is Adjunct Professor at Stanford University and been recognized as one of the 100 most influential by Modern Healthcare.



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Atul Gawande, MD, MPH

John and Cyndy Fish Chair in Surgery,
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Atul Gawande, MD, MPH, is a renowned surgeon, author, and public health innovator. He holds the John and Cyndy Fish Chair in Surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital and is the Samuel O. Thier Professor of the Practice of Surgery at Harvard Medical School. He was Assistant Administrator for Global Health at USAID from January 2022 to January 2025. Prior to that, he co-founded and chaired Ariadne Labs, a joint center for health systems innovation where he is now Distinguished Professor in Residence, and Lifebox, a nonprofit organization making surgery safer globally. From 2018-2020, he was CEO of Haven, the Amazon, Berkshire Hathaway, and JPMorgan Chase healthcare venture.

Dr. Gawande is also a longtime writer for The New Yorker magazine and has written four New York Times best-selling books: *Complications*, *Better*, *The Checklist Manifesto*, and *Being Mortal*. He is a member of the National Academy of Medicine and has won two National Magazine Awards, AcademyHealth's Impact Award for highest research impact on healthcare, and a MacArthur Fellowship. And he is executive producer for three documentary films: the Emmy-nominated adaptation *Being Mortal* (2016), the Oscar-nominated film *To Kill A Tiger* (2024), and The New Yorker film *Rovina's Choice* (2025).

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**CHARLES SENTEO, PHD,
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Charles Senteio is a health informatics researcher focused on investigating the drivers of persistent health inequities and developing solutions to address them. He is an Associate Professor at the Rutgers School of Communication and Information in the Department of Library and Information Science. During the 2020–2021 academic year, he served as a Visiting Assistant Professor at the MIT Sloan School of Management as an MIT MLK Visiting Scholar.

Dr. Senteio is a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) in both Texas and New Jersey and maintains a private therapy practice. He has been using telemedicine to provide psychotherapy and supportive counseling since 2017. He is also a Master Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES®) and maintains his Texas Community Health Worker Instructor certification (CHW-I #115), which he has held for over 16 years.



**MICHAEL D. ABRAMOFF,
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Professor of Ophthalmology
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Michael D. Abramoff, MD, PhD, is a fellowship-trained retina specialist, computer engineer, and neuroscientist. As Watzke Professor of Ophthalmology, and Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Iowa, he has >430 peer reviewed publications (h-index 89). He is Founder and Executive Chairman of Digital Diagnostics (IDx), first in any field of medicine to get FDA clearance for autonomous AI. He developed regulatory and reimbursement pathways for autonomous AI, and the randomized controlled trials that show its direct benefits on outcomes.

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**HECTOR ACEVEDO**

Community Advocate

Hector was born in El Salvador and diagnosed with a rare genetic condition, Spondyloepiphyseal Dysplasia, which affects skeletal development and presents significant health challenges. With limited medical resources available in his home country, he and his mother, Amanda, relocated to Cambridge, Massachusetts in pursuit of better healthcare and opportunity. In Cambridge Public Schools, Hector flourished and developed a strong commitment to justice, equity, and community service, grounded in gratitude and a responsibility to give back.

He went on to attend Hamilton College as a Posse Scholar, graduating in 2008 with a degree in Women's Studies and Education. There, he was a founding member of La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc., and launched The Young People's Project, promoting civic engagement and math literacy among local youth.

Today, as a proud son of Cambridge with Salvadoran roots, Hector serves on multiple nonprofit boards and civic committees. Dedicated to "changing the way change happens," he works to expand civic engagement, workforce development, and leadership opportunities—guided by his belief in "by any DREAMS necessary."

**AISHA RAHIM MD, FHM,
EXEC HBS/MIT**Medical Executive and
Director at Johns Hopkins
Health Plans (JHHP)

Dr. Aisha Rahim, MD, FHM, Exec HBS/MIT, is a trailblazing healthcare executive and ethical AI governance leader. As Medical Executive and Director at Johns Hopkins Health Plans (JHHP), she co-chairs the Artificial Intelligence Governance Council and leads health equity initiatives.

Dr. Rahim serves as Vice Chair of the Board for the American Diabetes Association (DC, MD & VA), Board Chair of the Digital Health/AI/VR Advisory Committee at Morehouse School of Medicine, and faculty at the Harvard Macy Institute. Recognized as one of the Top 65 Women in AI and a Top 50 Innovator, she is a sought-after international keynote speaker, advancing global AI education and research in healthcare innovation. Dr. Rahim holds executive education credentials from Harvard Business School, MIT, and Johns Hopkins University.

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**ALEXIS BATTLE, PHD**

Wu & Zhang Professor in the Departments of Biomedical Engineering, Computer Science, and Genetic Medicine, Johns Hopkins

Alexis Battle is the Wu and Zhang Professor of Biomedical Engineering and Computer Science at Johns Hopkins University. She serves as the Director for the Malone Center for Engineering in Healthcare and the Director of Research for Strategy and Partnerships of the Data Science and AI institute. Her research group uses machine learning to analyze large scale genomic and health data to understand how genetic variation affects the human body. They have made contributions to understanding how individual genetic differences interact with environmental risk factors, temporal processes, and cell type to influence gene regulation and disease risk. She earned her Ph.D. in Computer Science in 2013 from Stanford University, where she also received her Bachelor's degree in Symbolic Systems in 2003. Before joining Johns Hopkins, Alexis spent several years in industry as a software engineer and engineering manager at Google. Alexis has received awards including the 2022 JHU President's Frontier Award, and was named a 2016 Searle Scholar and a 2020 Microsoft Investigator Fellow.

**MICHAEL TANANA, PHD**

Co-Founder, Chief Technology Officer at Lyssn

Michael Tanana is a data scientist, machine learning researcher and software engineer. He has spent the last two decades developing tools and creating platforms to help behavioral health providers improve in their performance and outcomes. His current work includes machine learning methods for natural language processing and outcome evaluation, statistical methods for behavioral sciences as well as interactive data visualization for program improvement and feedback. His recent projects involve the use of deep learning techniques to perform tasks that normally require highly trained psychologists and the implementation of these models in production grade programming frameworks. Dr. Tanana has been awarded multiple NIH and NSF grants and has published in the fields of psychology, epidemiology, criminal justice and child welfare. Dr. Tanana received his B.A from Dartmouth College in 2004, his Masters in Statistics for Educational Psychology from the University of Utah in 2010 and his PhD in Educational Psychology in 2017.



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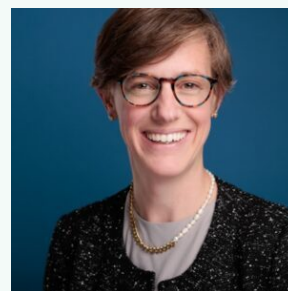
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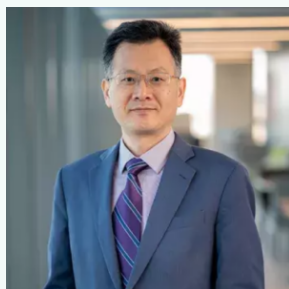
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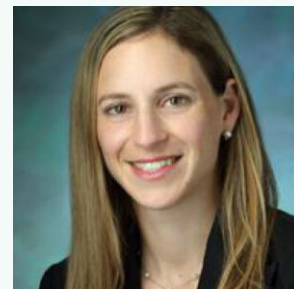
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