

America's Essential Hospitals Welcomes 2024–2025 Fellows Class

This year's class of the association's flagship leadership development program for essential hospitals is the largest in the program's 37-year history.

WASHINGTON, DC, UNITED STATES, July 2, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- America's Essential Hospitals recently welcomed the largest class in the 36-year history of its [Fellows Program](#): 50 rising leaders from 27 essential hospitals, who will explore best practices in leadership, diversity and inclusion, policymaking, and other topics.

The fellows began their year-long program with a session at the association's annual conference, VITAL2024, June 17 to 19, in San Diego. The program, established in 1988, provides strategic leadership and advocacy training to help member hospitals develop and inspire their high-potential staff.

"The Fellows Program helps the next generation of essential hospital leaders grow as effective and passionate voices for their patients, community, and hospital," said Kalpana Ramiah, DrPH, MSc, vice president of innovation and director of [Essential Hospitals Institute](#), the association's research, education, and leadership development arm.

Designed for senior clinical and administrative personnel, the program has produced more than 750 alumni, including CEOs, other hospital executives, and national health care thought leaders. America's Essential Hospitals welcomes these essential hospital leaders to its 2024–2025 fellows class:

Alameda Health System, Oakland, Calif.

- Satira Dalton, MHSA, vice president, physician services
- Rodney Delaney, RN, director of nursing





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Kalpana Ramiah, DrPH, MSc

Boston Medical Center, Boston

- Luisa Gomes, director of operations

Cook County Health, Chicago

- Ratna Kanumury, MSc, PA-C, associate chief strategy officer

Grady Health System, Atlanta

- Eric Paul Leue, vice president of HIV services

Harris Health System, Houston

- Amineh Kostov, MBA, MHA, vice president, system service lines

JPS Health Network, Fort Worth, Texas

- Shannon Fletcher, MBA, vice president, chief of staff

J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown, W.Va.

- Stuart Godwin, MD, MBA, associate chief medical officer, emergency physician

Kern Medical Center, Bakersfield, Calif.

- Jeff Jolliff, PharmD, director of pharmacy

Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital, Houston

- William Walker, MSc, vice president, business and ancillary operations

NYC Health + Hospitals/Central Office, New York

- Marisol Arroyo, MPH, LNHA, chief quality officer
- Kecia-Ann Blissett, DO, medical director of behavioral health, digital health; medical director of Virtual ExpressCare—behavioral health
- Annika Ginsberg, MPA, senior director

NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst, Elmhurst, New York

- Michelle Lam, MBA, administrator

NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi, New York

- Ellen Barlis, MPH, chief financial officer

NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County, Bronx, N.Y.

- Patricia Castro-Auvet, MD, chief of hospital medicine
- Don-Maria Cozier, MSHA, deputy director of operations—perioperative services
- Latoya Delmadge, MSW, director of social work—behavioral health

- Briana Episcopia, MPH, RN-BC, director, infection prevention
- Seth Narine, MPA, director of fiscal affairs
- Belinda Theodore-Bonaby, MHA, director of planning

NYC Health + Hospitals/North Central Bronx, Bronx, N.Y.

- Jaslynn Medina, MBA, associate executive director

NYC Health + Hospitals/South Brooklyn, Brooklyn, N.Y.

- Nairi Avakyan, assistant director of fiscal affairs
- Leonid Mirakov, director of nursing

Parkland Health, Dallas

- Vishal Arora, MD, physician
- Jared Lange, MBA, director, business sustainability and development
- Joyce Miller, DNP, MSN, director of nursing advanced practice

Regional One Health, Memphis, Tenn.

- Angela Adair, MHA, director of practice operations

San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, San Francisco

- Angelica Journagin, JD, MHA, chief administrative officer

San Francisco Health Network, San Francisco

- Nader Hammoud, MBA, vice president for support services

Temple University Health System, Philadelphia

- Patrick Vulgamore, MPH, director, addiction medicine service line

CHA Cambridge Hospital, Cambridge, Mass.

- Romulda Delorme, MSN, RN, nurse manager

The MetroHealth System, Cleveland

- Michael Lewis, MD, vice president of hospital division

University Health, Kansas City, Mo.

- Pamela Bean, MBA, MHA, RN, vice president ambulatory care and corporate access
- L. Nathan Gause, MD, MBA, vice chair, orthopaedics
- Jennifer Keller, PsyD, senior director, behavioral health; section chief of psychology

University Health, San Antonio

- Christopher Hromas, PhD, assistant director—population health and community initiatives
- Michelle Garcia, executive director, human resources
- Delana Gonzales, MPH, director, FFACTS Clinic

- Tanya Khalfan Mendez, MPH, director
- Sarah Mohmedali, director of nursing
- Deidre Winnier, PhD, director, clinical research

Valleywise Health, Phoenix

- Crystal Garcia, MBA, RN, vice president of specialty services, quality and patient safety

WVU Medicine, Morgantown, W.Va.

- Edward Harrison, MBA, vice president, cancer services
- Umer Najib, MD, associate professor and vice chair for clinical operations

Yuma Regional Medical Center, Yuma, Ariz.

- Shay Andres, director of marketing
- Susana Franco, MIS, infrastructure manager
- Marella Lucas, RN, administrative director
- Stephanie Nicholson, MSN, director of emergency services and rapid decision unit
- Luz Wiley, DNP, APRN, ANP-BC, director of operations for transitional care

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About Essential Hospitals Institute

Essential Hospitals Institute leads research, education, dissemination, and leadership development for America's Essential Hospitals. To advance the quality, equity, safety, and affordability of care at essential hospitals, the Institute identifies promising practices in the field, provides professional development training, promotes practice improvements, and disseminates innovative approaches to care. It does this with an eye toward improving individual and population health, especially for underrepresented and marginalized people and communities.

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