

Institute of Medicine of Chicago Marks Record Sold-Out 110th Anniversary Installation

New President Pledges Stronger Integration and Collaboration Across Chicago's Health System

CHICAGO, IL, UNITED STATES, June 30, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Institute of Medicine of Chicago (IOMC) proudly celebrated its historic 110th Anniversary and Leadership Awards Gala on June 26th with a record sold-out gathering at Maggiano's, uniting healthcare leaders, innovators, and partners from across Illinois to honor transformative leadership and chart a bold course for Chicago's future in health delivery.

The evening featured the ceremonial installation of Neli Vazquez Rowland as IOMC's new President for 2025–2026. A nationally recognized author, multi-family real estate investor, social entrepreneur, and co-founder of A Safe Haven, Vazquez Rowland shared her story as a public health innovator, since 1994 — including her decisive response to the COVID-19 crisis. She highlighted the groundbreaking partnership she led with Rush University Medical Center, with Dr.

David Ansell, MD, MPH, which created Chicago's first formal medical respite program integrating institutional healthcare with a community-based organization. This collaboration and pioneering Chicago Innovation Award-winning model is now informing the way healthcare systems nationwide address housing and health together.



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"As we face extraordinary challenges, it's more important than ever that we come together," said Vazquez Rowland. "We have the hospitals, the universities, and our community-based organizations — all the pieces are here. The missing link is streamlining them, strengthening them, and securing the right funding so we can deliver better care, efficiently, and allocate resources by funders and insurers, accordingly. "



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She pledged to listen to the IOMC members and the region's leading subject-matter experts and position IOMC as Chicago's most influential convener, think tank, and trusted platform for ideas that advance innovation and access.

A heartfelt thank you was given to Courtney Avery, MPH, IOMC's outgoing President for 2024–2025, for her strategic leadership and dedication to the mission.

The Institute proudly honored six outstanding leaders and institutions whose transformative contributions are reshaping medicine, innovation, prevention, and public service:

2025 IOMC Lifetime Achievement Award

James L. Madara, MD

CEO, American Medical Association

2025 IOMC Innovation in Health Care / Delivery Award - Individual

Neelum T. Aggarwal, MD

Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center

2025 IOMC Innovation in Health Care / Delivery Award - Organization

La Rabida Children's Hospital Behavioral Health & Community Programs

2025 IOMC Award for Public Service

LaMenta Conway, MD, MPH

I Am Abel Foundation

2025 The Portes Foundation & IOMC Award for Excellence in Prevention of Disease

Archana Chatterjee, MD, PhD

Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine & Science

2025 Portes Foundation Meritorious Lifetime Achievement Award
Alejandro Aparicio, MD, FACP

The evening featured a thought-provoking fireside chat with Dr. David Ansell, MD, MPH, and was skillfully emceed by Rob Johnson, President of Rob Johnson Communications. The Institute also celebrated its incoming Class of 2025 Fellows, adding to its legacy of nurturing leadership and collaboration across Chicago's health community.

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