

IHI Leadership Alliance

October 2026–September 2027





Join Us.

More than ever, patients, families, providers, and communities are looking for bold and visionary health care leaders — leaders who believe that we must change the dialogue about health care from one centered on reimbursement and regulation to one that prioritizes health, healing, and equity. Today's dynamic health policy landscape demands courageous leadership — the kind that can navigate complexity, drive systemic change, and design new models of care and collaboration. At this critical moment, IHI offers a powerful opportunity to connect with vanguard leaders and trusted thought partners across the industry who are not only shaping the future of health care, but who are also deeply connected to each other and to this unique network. Together, we have the potential to move beyond the status quo and build the systems our workforce, patients, and communities need and deserve.

The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Leadership Alliance is a dynamic collaboration of leaders united by a common mission — *to work with one another and in partnership with our patients, workforces, and communities to deliver on the full promise of the IHI Triple Aim: improve the health of populations, enhance the experience of patients, and reduce the per capita cost of care.*

The Leadership Alliance is an agile incubator fueled by courage, creativity, and curiosity. United by a bold vision for the future of health care, we are committed to radically redesigning the system through a shared set of guiding principles developed by our members. As part of the Alliance, leaders come together to learn, network, and collaborate in dynamic forums — identifying shared priorities, advancing innovative work that aligns with their organizations' missions, and amplifying our collective voice to drive meaningful change.

We invite you to join us as a member of the IHI Leadership Alliance — to become part of a growing movement of organizations committed to changing health care from the inside out.

We look forward to shaping the future together.



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Why Join the Leadership Alliance?

Alliance members connect with industry subject matter experts, innovators, and provocateurs, as well as each other, to collectively answer the most challenging issues facing our institutions, our communities, and the field. Members find its value comes from:



Remarkable access to thought leaders within the Alliance membership and to prominent influencers across the country;

- Practical application of harnessing the power of 'all teach, all learn';
- Insider perspectives on priorities, strategy, and emerging issues in health care; and
- Advancing a collective voice to push the envelope on the change we want to see in the future.

How We Work Together

The Leadership Alliance convenes and works in several ways, primarily through virtual Roundtables, in-person meetings, topic-specific cohorts, and special interest collaborations.

Roundtables

The Alliance is a responsive network. Offering bimonthly and ad hoc Roundtables facilitated by Dr. Don Berwick, these sessions connect network members with innovative leaders and national authorities—both inside and outside health care—to focus on top-of-mind issues and events.

In-Person Meetings

The Alliance is a member-driven network. Members typically meet in person, three times annually: in the spring and fall, and at the [IHI Forum](#). Agendas are influenced and often co-led by Alliance leaders. These sessions, co-led by Alliance leaders, offer rare access to executive leadership from federal agencies and private industry. By bridging cross-sector perspectives, the Alliance empowers members to challenge assumptions and shape strategies that drive transformational change.



Local Learning Series

The Alliance is a generous, courageous network. Local Learning Series are time-limited, peer-to-peer learning and networking engagements focused on today's most pressing health care challenges. Co-led by Alliance leaders and taking place over 3-4 virtual webinar calls, Learning Series offer strategic insights and tactical guidance grounded in real-world case examples from across a diverse network.

Alliance Accelerators

The Alliance is an innovative network. Alliance members can co-develop and participate in small, steadfast innovation cohorts – Accelerators. Accelerators are co-designed with Alliance members and global network collaborators. Through pace and focus, they aim to incubate emerging system design theories, develop new or expanded subject matter expertise for the field, and test models of implementation and innovation.

Collective Voice

The Alliance is an influential network. In addition to in-person and virtual engagements, members channel insights and collaboration to leverage collective influence – a collective voice – of the Alliance. Members convene and contribute to meetings with key stakeholders, produce published reports and journal articles, and leverage social media influence.

For example, beginning in 2026, representatives from the IHI Leadership Alliance began learning from Lilia Cervantes, MD, MSCS (Professor of Medicine, University of Colorado) about how to advocate at the individual, organizational and policy level to improve health care.



Who Should Participate?

The IHI Leadership Alliance welcomes organizations from across the United States – health care organizations and systems, safety net hospitals, FQHCs, primary care organizations, professional and hospital associations, industry groups, and others – that believe that sharing and learning with each other and partnering with patients, workforces, and communities can help us individually and collectively reimagine and redesign health and health care, better and faster. We recommend organizations:

- Have commitments from the highest levels of organizational executive leadership to deliver on the full promise of the Triple Aim;
- Are willing to share generously and commit time and resources to meaningfully engage in developing, testing, implementing, and measuring care redesign efforts; and
- Are fully committed to moving from talking to doing, and from aspiring to achieving.

Members are encouraged to identify a team of operational, clinical, quality, finance, and human resources leaders who can commit time to engaging actively in Alliance activities. Chief Quality Officers, Chief Transformation Officers, and executive leaders that are able to represent their organizations and professional groups make up the majority of Alliance membership. Many participating members also find that the Alliance is a strong network for mentoring emerging leaders alongside their more senior colleagues.



Testimonials

Since its launch in 2014, the IHI Leadership Alliance has built momentum in several areas, and new members will both benefit from the work thus far and strengthen the work to come.

In the words of our members:

“The most valuable part of the Alliance for me as a leader is providing a community of like-minded organizations that share best practices and push on finding new ways to improve outcomes for patients and communities.”

— *James Moses, MD, MPH, Chief QSE Officer, Corewell Health*

“I particularly value the quality of the peer network and the many shared learnings about how others continue to center quality in their work during challenging moments in health care.”

— *Heidi Wald, MD, MSPH, Chief Quality Officer, Denver Health*

“There is no other setting that provides the opportunity to interact with high-level ‘movers and shakers’ in the health care environment. The Leadership Alliance allows us to move out of our normal rut and engage in learning and relationship opportunities that would never otherwise occur.”

— *Ann Lewis, Chief Executive Officer, CareSouth Carolina*

“The biggest ROI as a member of the IHI Leadership Alliance is what happens after the meeting is over: networking and access to thought leaders who foster courageous learning is the best way to achieve a desired Quadruple Aim.”

— *Thea Rosenbaum, MD, MBA, Chief Quality Officer, UAMS Health*

“Thank you for creating such an incredibly safe and collaborative environment to push for change...I see our membership in the IHI Leadership Alliance as a critical key to allow us to transform kidney care.”

— *Doug Johnson, Co-Founder of REACH Kidney Care and Director and Vice Chairman of the Board for Dialysis Clinic, Inc.*

Current Member Organizations

Adventist Health
Advocate Health
Amazon Web Services
Appalachian Regional Healthcare
Arkansas Children's
Beth Israel Lahey Health Primary Care
Blue Shield of California
Brown Health Medical Group Primary Care
CareSouth Carolina
Charleston Area Medical Center – Vandalia Health
CentraCare
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
Corewell Health
Connecticut Children's
Dialysis Clinic, Inc.
Denver Health
Dreyfus Health Policy & Research Center
El Camino Health
Eli Lilly – Medical
Emplify Health (previously Bellin)
GBMC HealthCare
Hackensack Meridian Health
HealthPartners
Health Care for the Homeless
Henry Ford Health System
Inova Health System
Intermountain Health
Jefferson Health
M Health Fairview
McLaren Health Care
MedStar Health
Meritus Health
Merck Healthcare Quality Improvement Center of Excellence
Memorial Hermann Health System
Mid-Atlantic Patient Safety Center
Minnesota Association of Community Health Centers
Nemours Children's Health
Northern Light Health
Northwell Health
OCHIN
Parkland Health
Parkview Health System
Providence
Riverside Health System
Southcentral Foundation
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
Stanford Medicine
Sutter Health
The NARBHA Institute
The Wright Centers for Community Health and Graduate Medical Education
UChicago Medicine
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Urban Health Plan
WellSpan Health
Zuckerberg San Francisco General

Fees and How to Join

To register your organization, please email IHI Executive Director of Alliance Development David Coletta at dcoletta@ihi.org. We encourage prospective new members to connect with the IHI team for an introductory call to learn more about the Alliance and discuss what membership might look like for your team.

Once enrolled, all members begin a customized onboarding process to prepare them to engage fully in the work of the Alliance throughout the October 2026 to September 2027 program year.

The current fee for one year of participation is \$45,000 USD. Partial scholarships are available for hospital associations, federally qualified health centers, safety net organizations, primary care organizations, and other select stakeholders. The IHI team welcomes a conversation to discuss your eligibility for scholarships.

Please note: Teams are encouraged to register prior to August 30, 2026, to allow time to coordinate your local leadership team and to have influence on program priorities for Fall 2026.

Membership Benefits

Included in IHI Leadership Alliance membership:

- **Unmatched senior leadership engagement across all Alliance virtual programming and communications** – including Roundtables, Learning Series, and more. Current members describe this as the most distinctive and valuable benefit: the opportunity to meaningfully engage diverse leaders from across their own organizations in high-impact conversations that not only inform local strategy but also elevate local expertise to influence the broader network.
- An unlimited number of leaders and staff are encouraged to join specific initiatives relevant to their area of focus, or when rapid learning forums or roundtables are uniquely relevant. There's much flexibility so that each member organization broadly extracts the greatest benefit and growth.
- Up to 4 participants at each Alliance in-person event.
- Participation in a special Networks Reception and Executive Leadership Summit at the IHI Forum.
- Invitation into emerging collaborations across the IHI global community.
- One complimentary membership to [IHI Chief Quality Officer \(COO\) Network](#)
- 15% discount on IHI Forum enrollment and IHI Open School subscriptions. The discount is automatically extended to anyone within a Leadership Alliance member organization. The organization can be assigned and updated within the IHI account user profile.

2026–2027 Snapshot

Leadership Alliance Activity	Type	2026			2027							
		October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
Fall Member Meeting	In-Person	Oct. 28-30 Boston										
Member Networking IHI Forum	In-Person			X								
Leadership Summit IHI Forum	In-Person			Dec. 6-9 Phoenix								
Spring Member Meeting	In-Person											
Virtual Roundtables	Virtual	2026-2027 Kick-Off	X		X		X			X		X
Learning Series, Accelerators & Ad Hoc Collaborations	Virtual				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X





External Guest Speakers

Below is a sample of leaders who have also contributed to virtual engagements or participated in Leadership Alliance in-person and virtual meetings in recent years:

Katie Boston-Leary, PhD, MBA, MHA, RN, NEA-BC, FADLN, Senior Vice President of Equity and Engagement, American Nurses Enterprise

Francis Collins, MD, PhD, Special Projects Advisor to the President, Former Co-chair of PCAST, and Former Director of NIH

David Cutler, PhD, Otto Eckstein Professor of Applied Economics, Harvard University

Victor Dzau, MD, President, National Academy of Medicine

Amy Edmondson, PhD, Novartis Professor of Leadership and Management, Harvard Business School

Ezekiel Emanuel, MD, PhD, Vice Provost for Global Initiatives, the Diane v.S. Levy and Robert M. Levy University Professor, and Co-Director of the Healthcare Transformation Institute at the University of Pennsylvania

Lisa Fitzpatrick, MD, MPH, MPA, Founder & CEO, Grapevine Health

Jillian Horton, MD, Medical educator and writer

Ashish Jha, MD, MPH, Dean, School of Public Health, Brown University

Michelle Morse, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Officer and Deputy Commissioner for Center for Health Equity and Community Wellness, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; Co-Founder, EqualHealth; Internal Medicine Hospitalist, Brigham and Women's Hospital

Megan Ranney, MD, MPH, FACEP, Dean, Yale School of Public Health

Greg Satell, Author and Co-Founder of *ChangeOS*

Sue Sheridan, Founding Member, Patients for Patient Safety US and member of the Lucian Leape Institute (LLI)

Rochelle Walensky, MD, MPH, Former Director, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Sample In-Person Meeting Agenda

Fall Meeting - Day 1: Wednesday, October 22, 2025

Time	Topic
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Optional Off-Site Visits to Local Health Care Organizations
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Registration
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Welcome, Introductions, and Stories of Leadership <i>Sylvia Trent-Adams, PhD, RN, FAAN, FNAP, ANEF, President and CEO, IHI Don Berwick, MD, MPP, FRCP, President Emeritus and Senior Fellow, IHI Patty Gabow, MD, MACP, Professor Emerita, Department of Medicine, University of Colorado School of Medicine and Retired CEO, Denver Health Jill Duncan, RN, MS, MPH, Vice President, IHI</i>
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Truth Under Fire: Protecting Science and Public Trust in Health Care <i>Dr. Jeffrey Flier, former Dean of Harvard Medical School</i>
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Break, Stretch, and Networking
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Bridging the Gap: Working Together to Uphold Science in a Complex World
5:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Closing and Preparations for Day 2 <i>Nikki Tennermann, LICSW, MBA, Senior Project Director, IHI</i>
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Welcome Reception



Fall Meeting - Day 2: Thursday, October 23, 2025

Time	Topic
6:30 AM – 7:30 AM	Optional Walk or Run with Alliance Colleagues
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Welcome and Alliance Programming Updates and Priorities <i>Jill Duncan, RN, MS, MPH, Vice President, IHI</i> <i>Nikki Tennermann, LICSW, MBA, Senior Director, IHI</i> <i>Amy Weckman, MSN, APRN-CNP, CPHQ, CPPS, Director, IHI</i>
10:00 AM – 11:15 AM	Innovation by Design: Reimagining How We Deliver Care <i>Hemali Patel, MD, Associate Chief Medical Officer for Virtual Health, UC Health</i> <i>Brittany Cyriacks, MSN, RN, NI-BC, Clinical Informatics Program Director, UC Health</i>
11:15 AM- 11:30 AM	Break, Stretch, and Networking
11:30 AM – 12:15 PM	Care Without Borders: Expanding Access for All <i>Lilia Cervantes, MD, Director of Immigrant Health and Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine</i>
12:15 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch and Networking
1:00 PM – 2:15 PM	Breaking Down Barriers to Unlock Access
2:15 PM – 3:15 PM	Policy, Politics, and the Future of the Safety Net <i>Kim Bimestefer, Governor's Cabinet</i> <i>Executive Director, Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing</i> <i>Donna Lynne, DrPH, Chief Executive Officer at Denver Health</i>
3:15 PM – 3:30 PM ET	Alliance Spotlights and Preparation for Friday (Day 3) <i>Nikki Tennermann, LICSW, MBA, Senior Project Director, IHI</i>

Fall Meeting - Day 3: Friday, October 24, 2025

Time	Topic
8:00 PM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast Special Interest Breakfast Session
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Leading Through Complexity <i>Sylvia Trent-Adams, PhD, RN, FAAN, FNAP, ANEF, President and CEO, IHI Don Berwick, MD, MPP, FRCP, President Emeritus and Senior Fellow, IHI Patty Gabow, MD, MACP, Professor of Medicine, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Former CEO Denver Health</i>
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Back to Basics: Is “Zero Harm” Still a Goal in Health Care
11:00 PM – 12:15 PM	AI and the Safety Imperative <i>Eric Poon, MD, MPH, FACMI, Chief Health Information Officer, Duke Health, Professor of Medicine & Informatics, Duke University School of Medicine</i>
12:15 PM – 12:30 PM	Priorities, Wrap-Up and Looking Forward <i>Jill Duncan and Dr. Don Berwick</i>

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