

Special Report

Significant Healthcare Industry Decisionmakers – 2006

Name	Affiliation	Activities
Donald Berwick	President and CEO Institute for Healthcare Improvement Boston, MA (617) 301-4800	One of the nation's leading authorities on healthcare quality and improvement issues. Through his leadership, the Institute for Healthcare Improvement has enlisted over 2,000 hospitals across the country in a patient-safety campaign to prevent avoidable deaths.
Jack Bovender, Jr.	Chairman and CEO Hospital Corporation of America Nashville, TN (615) 344-9551	Leads the nation's largest provider of healthcare services in its approach to quality healthcare, which includes focusing on quality; streamlining operations; sharing technology, personnel, and equipment where appropriate; using economies of scale when contracting for medical supplies and administrative services.
Helen Darling	President National Business Group on Health Washington, DC (202) 628-9320	President of the nation's only non-profit organization devoted exclusively to representing large employers' perspective on national health policy issues and providing practical solutions to its members' most important healthcare problems. Also heads the Group's Institute on Health Care Costs and Solutions.
Suzanne Delbanco	CEO Leapfrog Group Washington, DC (202) 292-6711	Founder of the Leapfrog Group, an initiative driven by healthcare purchasers seeking breakthrough improvements in the safety, quality, and affordability of healthcare. Leapfrog members agree to base their purchase of healthcare on principles that encourage provider quality improvement and consumer involvement.
Jack Ebeler	President and CEO Alliance of Community Health Plans Washington, DC (202) 758-2247	Heads a national leadership organization bringing together innovative health plans and provider groups to deliver affordable, high-quality coverage and care in their communities. ACHP members collaborate to identify problems, share information, and work toward solutions to some of healthcare's biggest challenges.
George Halvorson	Chairman and CEO Kaiser Permanente Oakland, CA (510) 271-5953	As Chairman and CEO of America's leading integrated healthcare plan since 2002, worked to make Kaiser the world leader in improving health through high-quality, affordable health care. Has over 30 years experience in healthcare management and is co-author of <i>Epidemic of Care</i> .
Karen Ignagni	President and CEO America's Health Insurance Plans Washington, DC (202) 778-3200	Heads a national association representing nearly 1,300 member companies providing health insurance coverage to more than 200 million Americans. The goal of America's Health Insurance Plans is to provide a unified voice for the healthcare financing industry.
George Isham	Chief Health Officer/Plan Medical Director HealthPartners Minneapolis, MN (800) 883-2177	Responsible for quality, utilization management, health promotion and disease prevention, research, and health professionals' education at HealthPartners, an integrated health delivery system. Is recognized as a national leader in quality improvement methods, and is co-author of <i>Epidemic of Care</i> .
Linda Kloss	CEO American Health Information Mgmt. Assn. Chicago, IL (312) 233-1100	CEO of AHIMA since 1995 and a leader in the field of healthcare information technology. AHIMA is the leading association of health information management professionals, dedicated to the effective management of personal health information needed to deliver quality healthcare to the public.
Margaret O'Kane	President National Committee for Quality Assurance Washington, DC (202) 955-3500	Founder and President of NCQA, the leading source for information about the quality of the nation's managed care plans. NCQA has developed broad support among the employer and health plan communities and has been a central figure in driving improvement throughout the healthcare system.
Dennis O'Leary	President JCAHO Oakbrook, IL (630) 792-5000	Successfully transformed JCAHO's accreditation process to focus on actual organization performance in the provision of patient care; oversaw the introduction of cutting-edge standards relating to patient safety, pain management, use of patient restraints, and emergency preparedness; and expanded its accreditation process.
Richard Pollack	Executive Vice President American Hospital Association Washington, DC (202) 626-4625	Has worked to ensure that the goals of the AHA, which represents and serves all types of hospitals, healthcare networks, and their patients and communities, are heard and addressed in national health policy development, legislative and regulatory debates, and judicial matters.