



Heather Flannery, Founder & CEO, AI MINDSystems Impact

Heather Leigh Flannery is the CEO of AI MINDSystems Impact, co-founded in March 2024 with Chief Scientific Officer, Sean Manion, PhD, and other leaders sharing a timely vision for structural interventions for humanity's health, safety, prosperity, agency, and privacy. Heather is an applied futurist, life-long technologist, complex systems theorist, and advocate for evidence-based policy, ethical AI, AI-driven patient empowerment, health and digital equity, global human rights, civil liberties and equal protection under the law for all, including for the LGBTQ community of which she is a member.

Heather Chairs the Healthcare & Life Sciences at the Government Blockchain Association (GBA), develops standards at IEEE, and is a regional leader in the Women Economic Forum G100.

Prior to AI MINDSystems Impact, Heather was Founder and CEO at Consensys Health, which spun off from Consensys in March 2020 and rebranded to Equideum Health January 2022. It focused on blockchain-facilitated, multi-party decentralized AI (DeAI) and analytics, privacy enhancing technologies (PETs), and web3 identity and verifiable credentials for granular, dynamic consent. Focus areas included veterans' health, decentralizing clinical trials (DeSci), and enabling Clinical Research as a Care Option (CRAACO).

Prior to Equideum Health, Heather founded Obesity Prevention, Policy, and Management, Inc. ("Obesity PPM") in 2009. It was a digital health tech-enabled services company innovating in capitated, multi-specialty chronic disease and acute care management, population health, research administration, and market access for new United States investigational and FDA-approved diagnostics, treatments and medical devices. Obesity PPM focused on eliminating weight bias and driving access to evidence-based obesity treatment as primary prevention of the disease's co-morbidities, including > 16 hormone-sensitive cancers and the full cardiometabolic disease spectrum. From 2015, Obesity PPM sought to adopt blockchain to improve its "Managed Ecosystems for Integrated Obesity Treatment." Heather became an expert on the barriers to blockchain adoption in health, and co-founded a trade association for industry self-regulation and evidence-based policy, Blockchain in Healthcare Global (BiHG) under IEEE ISTO. As a patient whose obesity is in remission, maintaining a 190 lb weight loss, she continues to advocate for evidence-based treatment and ending discrimination against people with obesity.

Heather is passionate about international development, foreign affairs, and achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals. As a contractor to the US Federal agency, the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) for five years, she advised on and managed development programs focusing on technology, information security, and global health. At MCC, she coordinated with inter-agency partners, the US Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) (now the Development Finance Corporation) and a wide range of US partner country stakeholders. She was an early contributor to the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) and remains committed to comparative effectiveness development. She continues to innovate in "de-siloing" and aligning capital allocation for maximum efficiency across the global public, impact investment, and philanthropic sectors.



Rachel Gruner, Healthcare Lead, Microsoft AI

Rachel Gruner is a leading voice in the intersection of technology and healthcare policy, driven by a passion for leveraging innovation to improve health outcomes.

She is currently the Healthcare Lead for Microsoft AI, where she plays a critical role in shaping policy and dialogue around the responsible and effective use of artificial intelligence in the health sector.

Rachel brings a wealth of experience from both the public and private sectors. She spent a decade at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), holding key policy and leadership positions across the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Surgeon General's Office, and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE). In these roles, she was instrumental in developing and implementing innovative health policies and programs.

Her comprehensive experience also includes roles within the healthcare industry at institutions like Mayo Clinic, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, and Cerner Corporation, giving her deep insight into the challenges and opportunities facing providers and patients. She also served as a Health Policy Advisor on the 2012 Obama for America campaign and previously served as the Health Outreach Lead for Google.

Rachel holds a Master of Public Health (MPH) from the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and resides in Bethesda, Maryland with her husband and two children.



David-Alexandre Jost, Chief Technology Innovations Officer, Epilepsy Foundation

David-Alexandre Jost is a seasoned consultant with over two decades of senior leadership and executive experience in the non-profit, healthcare, and advocacy sectors. Since 2023, he has served as Chief Technology Innovations Officer (CTIO), spearheading the development and execution of data and technology strategies for the Foundation.

With deep expertise in Digital Transformation, Data Strategy, Web and

App Development, and Digital Marketing, David has been a pivotal figure in the epilepsy space for more than 20+ years. His contributions span strategic partnerships, long-term strategy formulation, and the implementation of comprehensive technology roadmaps.

David has been the primary technical and strategic lead for epilepsy.com since 2005 and played a key role in developing EF My Seizure Diary, a self-management tool for tracking seizures and related symptoms. He continues to drive the Foundation's Data and Generative AI initiatives, most notably leading the development of SAGE — the Epilepsy Foundation's AI-powered epilepsy journey assistant. Built on epilepsy.com's 3,200-page knowledge base developed over 20+ years by more than 20 medical subject experts, SAGE delivers accurate, compassionate, and always-available guidance to patients, caregivers, and families navigating the complexities of epilepsy. Designed with emotion-aware responses, contextual conversation, and strict clinical safeguards, SAGE represents a landmark step in the Foundation's mission to ensure no one faces epilepsy alone.

A dual French and Canadian citizen, David has called Québec, Canada home for over 30 years, where he lives with his wife and two children.



Ian Miller, Associate Director, Digital Medicine (DiMe) Society

Ian is an associate director at DiMe leading initiatives that help healthcare organizations bring digital and AI technologies into everyday care. Most recently, he developed two major industry resources--The Playbook: Pediatric Digital Medicine and The Playbook: Implementing AI in Healthcare and is currently leading DiMe's newest AI projects on AI-enabled care navigation, and operationalizing AI governance. Before joining DiMe, Ian worked at mental health startups and digital health

research organizations. He has spent his career focused on turning innovative technology into real-world impact for both patients and healthcare professionals alike.



Steve Winawer, Head of Data, Digital, and Technology USBU, Takeda

Steve Winawer is a results-oriented technology leader driving data, digital and technology transformation across Takeda's U.S. operations. Steve empowers teams to leverage data-driven solutions, enhancing operational efficiencies and achieving impactful business results through innovation and measurable outcomes.

At Takeda, Steve fosters a culture of digital fluency, where we focus to put capabilities directly in the hands of the business to maximize the

impact and speed to scale while in parallel, we develop evolving and innovative technologies to bring in next.

A strong advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), Steve co-sponsors Takeda's 'Take Pride' Employee Resource Group, leading initiatives that promote gender equality and fosters an inclusive, diverse workforce. He was also recently selected to join the Board of Directors for Breakthrough Great Boston (BTGB), a nonprofit organization dedicated to expanding educational opportunities for underserved students in the Greater Boston area.

Before joining Takeda, Steve held leadership positions at Pfizer, Zoetis, and Sanofi, where he pioneered the use of advanced technologies to enhance customer experiences and improve prescription metrics. His background in commercial transformation and omnichannel programs set a foundation for the innovative work he does today.

With deep experience in digital and technology transformation across industries, and his educational background in electrical engineering, Steve is focused on driving Takeda and the healthcare industry forward through innovation and a commitment to impactful, inclusive leadership.