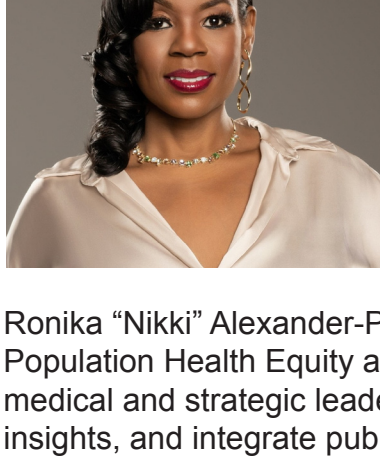




Marvell Adams Jr., Chief Executive Officer, Caregiver Action Network

Marvell Adams Jr. is a nationally respected advocate, educator, and nonprofit leader with more than 20 years of experience serving caregivers, older adults, and marginalized communities. Unanimously appointed CEO of Caregiver Action Network in 2023 after a nationwide search, Marvell brings deep expertise across residential care, health system process improvement, life plan communities, and accreditation, including 13 years as a CARF International surveyor.

A highly trained dementia practitioner and coach, he centers diversity, equity, inclusion, belonging, and accessibility in all aspects of his work to advance equitable caregiving. Marvell currently serves on the board of Generations United and has previously served on the boards of LeadingAge and Center for Innovation. He has been recognized as LeadingAge NY Administrator of the Year and a Forty Under 40 honoree and is a sought-after lecturer and mentor in aging services.



Ronika Alexander-Parrish, MEd, US Medical Director, Population Health Innovation and Equity, Director, Doctor of Public Health Fellowship in Vaccines Medical Development, Pfizer

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Ronika "Nikki" Alexander-Parrish is a Medical Director in U.S. Medical Affairs at Pfizer, where she leads Population Health Equity and Innovation across Vaccines and Antivirals. In this role, she provides medical and strategic leadership to advance equitable evidence generation, inform policy-relevant insights, and integrate public health perspectives into medical and business decision-making.

Alexander-Parrish began her biopharma career in women's health and spent more than a decade as a Clinical Scientist supporting Pfizer's vaccines portfolio, with a focus on evidence generation across the development lifecycle. She has also led medical affairs strategies supporting antiviral therapies.

Her work is grounded in public health practice and community-engaged research. Prior to joining Pfizer, she led clinical research initiatives at Wayne State University and served as a public health nurse with local health departments in Michigan.

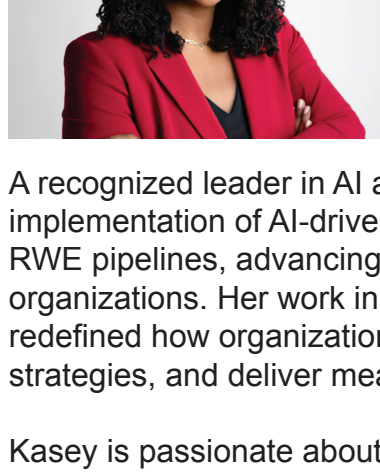
With more than 20 years of experience, Alexander-Parrish brings a perspective shaped by frontline nursing, community-based research, and leadership in vaccine development and medical affairs. She is the founding Director of Pfizer's Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) Fellowship in Vaccines Medical Development and is currently pursuing a DrPH at Morgan State University.



Uché Blackstock, MD, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Advancing Health Equity

Dr. Uché Blackstock is a physician, author, and changemaker reimagining the future of health. A Harvard-educated emergency physician with over 17 years of frontline experience, she is the Founder and CEO of Advancing Health Equity, a strategic consulting firm that partners with leaders and organizations across the healthcare and public health ecosystem to create systems where everyone can thrive.

Recognized by TIME on its inaugural TIME100 in Health list, Dr. Blackstock is also the New York Times bestselling author of *Legacy: A Black Physician Reckons with Racism in Medicine*. As a former MSNBC and NBC Medical contributor, her voice and analysis have shaped national conversations on trust, leadership, and justice in health. A dynamic and passionate speaker, she engages audiences across industries in honest, forward-looking discussions about how we build institutions worthy of the communities they serve and the bold leap of faith it took to found a mission-driven company dedicated to that work.

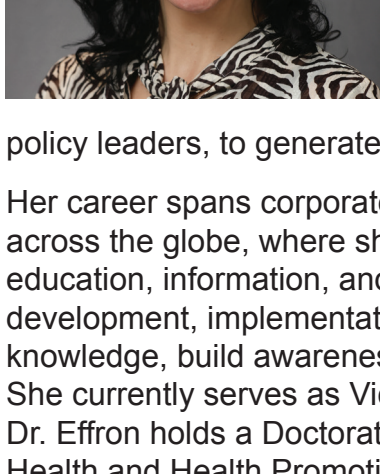


Kasey Boynton, Senior Director, Global Operations & Partnerships, Sanofi

Kasey Boynton brings over 15 years of combined experience driving business transformation, operational excellence, and digital innovation across the biopharmaceutical value chain. Her expertise spans the full life cycle of global clinical research programs — from strategic planning and protocol design to end-to-end execution of Integrated Evidence Generation strategies that optimize product value and accelerate time to market.

A recognized leader in AI and digital transformation, Kasey has pioneered the design and implementation of AI-driven, regulatory-ready Real-World Evidence (RWE) platforms and automated RWE pipelines, advancing data-driven decision-making across R&D, medical affairs, and commercial organizations. Her work in patient journey mapping and decentralized clinical trial innovation has redefined how organizations identify evidence gaps, translate real-world insights into robust marketing strategies, and deliver measurable patient-centered outcomes.

Kasey is passionate about expanding patient access to clinical trials and life-saving therapies. Through strategic partnerships with health systems and technology providers, she has led initiatives to increase trial accessibility, optimize protocol design using advanced analytics, and remove barriers that prevent diverse patient populations from participating in research. Her focus on patient-generated data and decentralized trial models demonstrates her commitment to making clinical research more inclusive and equitable in practice.

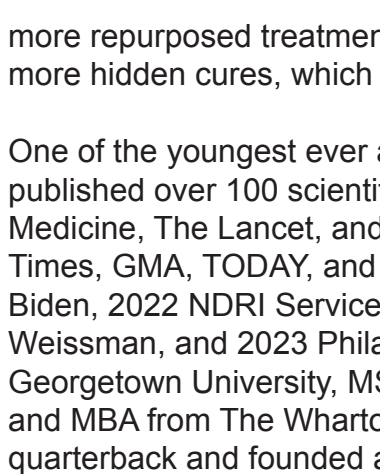


Alayna Effron, Ed.D, Msc., C.H.E.S, VP, Strategic Partnerships, HealthyWomen

Alayna Effron, Ed.D., MSc, CHES, brings more than two decades of experience advancing public health and women's health through national-scale initiatives and innovative program development. She has worked with a diverse range of stakeholders across the public and private sectors, including patient advocates, health care professionals, researchers, communication strategists, biotechnology developers, and policy leaders, to generate and promote reliable, evidence-based, and accessible health information.

Her career spans corporate, nonprofit, nongovernmental, hospital-based, and community settings across the globe, where she has focused on expanding access to care through strengthened education, information, and cross-sector partnerships. Dr. Effron has led and supported the development, implementation, and long-term sustainability of health education programs that elevate knowledge, build awareness, and address inequities across a wide range of national health priorities. She currently serves as Vice President of Strategic Partnerships at HealthyWomen.

Dr. Effron holds a Doctorate in Health Education from Columbia University, a M.Sc and B.S. in Public Health and Health Promotion from Indiana University, Bloomington and is a Certified Health Education Specialist with the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing.

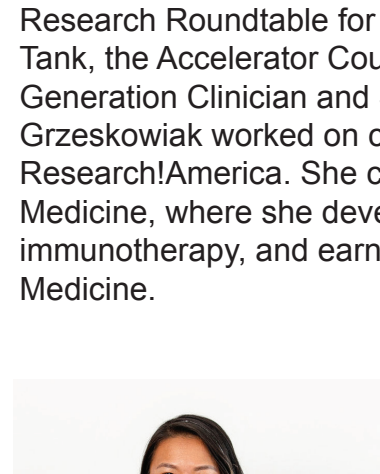


David Fajgenbaum, MD, MBA, MSc, Co-Founder and President, Every Cure

David Fajgenbaum, MD, MBA, MSc, is Co-Founder and President of Every Cure and a physician-scientist at the University of Pennsylvania where he is one of the youngest tenured professors ever at Penn Medicine. He is also battling a deadly disease as a patient and alive thanks to a repurposed treatment he discovered and described in his national bestselling memoir 'Chasing My Cure'. He has advanced 13

more repurposed treatments for cancers and rare diseases and co-founded Every Cure to unlock more hidden cures, which has received over \$100M from ARPA-H and TED's Audacious Project.

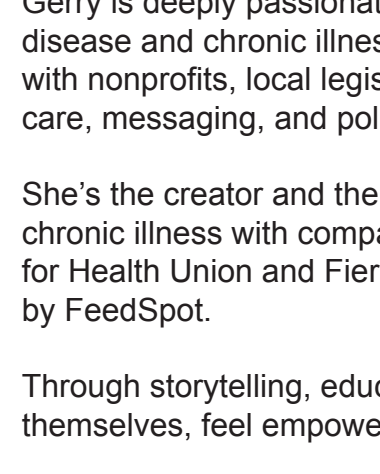
One of the youngest ever awardees of multiple top NIH and FDA grants, Dr. Fajgenbaum has published over 100 scientific papers in leading journals, such as *The New England Journal of Medicine*, *The Lancet*, and *the Journal of Clinical Investigation*. He has been profiled by *The New York Times*, *GMA*, *TODAY*, and *Forbes* 30 Under 30 and awarded the 2016 Atlas Award along with then VP Biden, 2022 NDRI Service to Science Award alongside Nobel Laureates Katalin Kariko and Drew Weissman, and 2023 Philadelphia Citizen of the Year award. Dr. Fajgenbaum earned a BS from Georgetown University, MSc from the University of Oxford, MD from the University of Pennsylvania, and MBA from The Wharton School. Beyond his coursework, David was a Division I college quarterback and founded and led a national grief support network during college and graduate school.



Caitlin Grzeskowiak, PhD, Chief Research & Innovation Officer, Epilepsy Foundation

Caitlin Grzeskowiak, PhD, is the Chief Research and Innovation Officer at the Epilepsy Foundation of America, where she leads initiatives designed to accelerate research, innovation, and patient-centered impact across the epilepsy field. Since joining the Foundation in 2020, she has helped expand programs that connect patients, researchers, clinicians, startups, and industry partners to advance new treatments, tools, and care solutions.

Her work at the Epilepsy Foundation includes leading key epilepsy-focused initiatives including the Research Roundtable for Epilepsy, the biannual Pipeline Conference, the Epilepsy Foundation Shark Tank, the Accelerator Course for epilepsy-focused startups, and the Epilepsy Foundation's Next Generation Clinician and Scientist Fellowships portfolio. Prior to joining the Foundation, Dr. Grzeskowiak worked on civic science outreach and cross-disciplinary science policy initiatives at Research!America. She completed her postdoctoral training at Stanford University School of Medicine, where she developed technology related to predicting patients' responses to immunotherapy, and earned her PhD in Molecular and Human Genetics from Baylor College of Medicine.



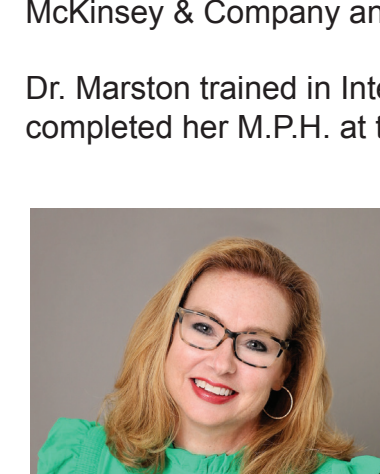
Gerry Langan, Pulmonary Hypertension, Patient Advocate + Speaker

Gerry Langan is a pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) and congestive heart failure (CHF) patient advocate, speaker, and content creator who turns vulnerability into impact. After a delayed diagnosis in 2018 at the age of 28—following months of medical gaslighting—she began sharing her story online to raise awareness about rare disease, build community, and remind others they are not alone. Her social media (@Itsgerrylangan on TikTok, Instagram and YouTube) offers an honest and often humorous look at life with chronic illness—from site changes and ER visits to joy-filled everyday wins.

Gerry is deeply passionate about helping patients find their voice. She's spoken at national rare disease and chronic illness conferences, taught social media advocacy workshops, and collaborated with nonprofits, local legislators, and pharmaceutical companies to ensure patient perspectives shape care, messaging, and policy.

She's the creator and the host of *Rarely Typical*, a podcast and blog that explores the realities of chronic illness with compassion, grit, and faith. She was the 2023 Advocacy Trailblazer award winner for Health Union and FiercePharma and named Top 10 Chronic Illness Influencers for 2025 and 2026 by FeedSpot.

Through storytelling, education, and connection, Gerry's mission is clear: to help patients advocate for themselves, feel empowered in their medical journeys, and make PAH a household name.



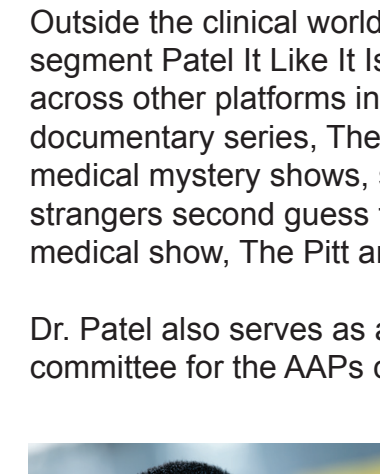
Hilary Marston, MD, MPH, Principal, Drug & Biological Therapies, Canal Row Advisors

Hilary Marston, M.D., M.P.H. is a Principal at Canal Row Advisors, supporting biotechnology companies and venture investors with regulatory and clinical development strategy. Prior to this, Dr. Marston served as the inaugural Chief Medical Officer of the US Food and Drug Administration. In that role, she oversaw clinical matters that involved several of the FDA's product development centers, including financial incentives for rare disease product development and research participant policy.

She also led Agency response to health crises, including epidemics and shortages.

In addition to her work at Canal Row, Dr. Marston serves on the Board of Governors of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute. Dr. Marston previously served as Senior Advisor for Global COVID-19 Response on the U.S. House COVID-19 Response Team, Director for Medical Biopreparedness and Response at the White House, and Policy Advisor for Pandemic Preparedness at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Dr. Marston also worked at McKinsey & Company and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

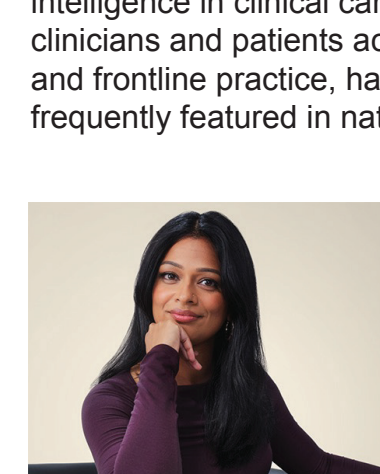
Dr. Marston trained in Internal Medicine and Global Health Equity at Brigham & Women's Hospital. She completed her M.P.H. at the Harvard School of Public Health.



Amber McCracken, Senior Director, Programs and Impact, PAN Foundation

Amber McCracken is the Senior Director of Programs at the Patient Advocate Foundation. In this position, Amber oversees the development, creation, and promotion of education programs that are impactful, holistic, and aligned with the organization's mission to increase health care access for all people, including their Opening Doors to Clinical Trials initiative.

Amber has more than 25 years of experience managing domestic and international public health education programs at purpose-driven nonprofits, companies, and public relations agencies. She has an extensive marketing and communications background, which combined with her public health experience, results in dynamic health programs that resonate with both patients and health care providers.



Dr. Alok Patel, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor and Medical Journalist, Stanford Medicine, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital

Dr. Alok Patel is an award-winning medical journalist, television contributor, pediatrician, and self-proclaimed hype man for public health. He serves as an Associate Professor of Pediatrics and department head of strategic communication for Stanford Children's Hospital, devoting his clinical time to the treatment and management of hospitalized children and communication strategies to amplify public health measures.

Outside the clinical world, Dr. Patel is a national medical contributor for ABC News, hosting the segment *Patel It Like It Is*, where he breaks down health, science, and lifestyle topics. He's worked across other platforms including CNN, PBS, NBC, and Netflix, with work including everything from the documentary series, *The Human: The World Within*, which trended worldwide on Netflix's top 10 list, to medical mystery shows, science films, and even on-the-street medical shows that made strangers second guess their health choices. He also co-hosts the HBO *Pitt Podcast*, which follows the medical show, *The Pitt* and has a parenting book coming out this year with Penguin Random House.

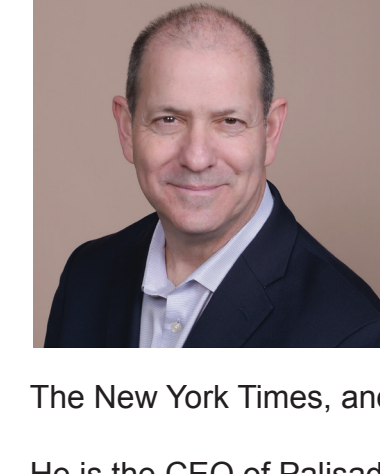
Dr. Patel also serves as a key influencer for the American Academy of Pediatrics and on the executive committee for the AAPs council on communication and media.



Raj Ratwani, PhD, Vice President of Scientific Affairs, MedStar Health Research Institute, Director, MedStar Health National Center for Human Factors in Healthcare, Professor, Georgetown University School of Medicine

Raj Ratwani, PhD is Vice President of Scientific Affairs at the MedStar Health Research Institute, Director of the MedStar Health National Center for Human Factors in Healthcare, and a Professor at the Georgetown University School of Medicine. He is a national leader in patient safety, health care technology, and the safe use of artificial

intelligence in clinical care. His work focuses on designing systems and digital tools that align with how clinicians and patients actually think and work. Dr. Ratwani's research has influenced healthcare policy and is frequently featured in national media.



Anita Ravi, MD, MPH, MSHP, FAAFP, Chief Executive Officer & Founder, PurpLE Health Foundation

Dr. Anita Ravi, MD, MPH, MSHP, FAAFP is a board-certified family medicine physician, public health researcher, and educator who specializes in the health care of survivors of gender-based violence (GBV), including women who have experienced domestic violence, human trafficking, and sexual assault.

She is the Founder, President, and CEO of PurpLE Health Foundation, a pioneering nonprofit organization working to establish GBV care as a recognized field of health care. Through its novel care model, survivors receive free, GBV-focused medical care, while clinical insights generated through this work inform research, clinician training, and policy engagement to elevate standards of care.

Dr. Ravi earned her medical degree from the University of Michigan and holds a Master of Public Health from Yale University and a Master of Science in Health Policy Research from the University of Pennsylvania. She is also a graduate of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Veterans Affairs Clinical Scholars Fellowship Program.

Her leadership is informed by more than 20 years of learning from and serving survivors, and has been recognized with numerous honors, including being named a Fellow of the National Academy of Medicine, New York State Family Physician of the Year, and a L'Oréal Paris Women of Worth Honoree.

Susan Sheridan, MIM, MBA, DHL, Founding Member, Patients for Patient Safety (PFPS) US

Susan E. Sheridan, MIM, MBA, DHL, is President and CEO of Patients for Patient Safety US (PFPS US). Prior to her role at PFPS US, Sheridan served as the Director of Patient Engagement for the Society to Improve Diagnosis in Medicine (SIDM), the Patient and Family Engagement Advisor at the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Director of Patient Engagement for the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), and led the Patients for Patient Safety

program at the World Health Organization (WHO). She recently served on the Patient Safety Working Group of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) and is currently the co-chair of the National Academy of Medicine's (NAM) Patient Safety in the Era of AI initiative. She is also a member of the Lucian Leape Institute, member of the Board of Directors of the Leapfrog Group and is a member of the Global Leadership Network of the Future of Health.

Sheridan had previously spent 10 years in patient advocacy inspired by adverse family experiences in the healthcare system. In 2009, Sheridan was named to Modern Healthcare's list of Top 25 Women in Healthcare as well as Modern Healthcare's 100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare.

Ken Stern, Founder & Chair, Longevity Project

Ken Stern is the Founder and Chair of the Longevity Project, which fosters public conversation and research on the impact of longer lives on civil society. He is also the host of the award-winning podcast *Century Lives* from the Stanford Center on Longevity.

Stern is the best-selling author of three books, including *Healthy to 100: How Strong Social Ties Lead to Long Lives*. He is also a regular contributor to publications including *Vanity Fair*, *The Atlantic*, *Slate*, *The New York Times*, and *USA Today*.

He is the CEO of Palisades Media Ventures, a Washington, DC-based thought leadership company.

Stern previously served as CEO of National Public Radio. During his tenure, NPR's audience more than doubled to over 26 million weekly listeners. Among his achievements was launching NPR's podcast service, as well as expanding NPR Music, mobile offerings, and NPR.org. During a period of significant retrenchment at major news outlets, Stern led the expansion of NPR into both domestically and abroad.

Earlier in his career, Stern held roles in American International Broadcasting and Democratic politics and began his media career with Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty in Munich. He holds degrees from Haverford College and Yale Law School.