



FEATURED SPEAKERS



Benjamin K. Chu, MD, MPH, MACP

Group President-Kaiser Foundation Hospitals and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. and Regional President-Southern California

Benjamin Chu, MD, MPH, MACP, was appointed regional president of Kaiser Permanente Southern California in February 2005 and in January 2011, was appointed group president responsible for both Southern California and Hawaii. He directs hospital and health plan operations for 14 hospitals and 145 medical offices, serving more than 3.45 million members. As group president, he joins the Kaiser Permanente Program-wide Operational Leadership group with oversight responsibility over the entire organization.

Before he joined Kaiser Permanente, Dr. Chu served for three years as president of New York City's Health and Hospitals Corp., the largest public hospital system in the country. A primary care internist by training, Dr. Chu possesses extensive health care experience as a clinician, administrator and policy advocate. He was senior vice president for Medical and Professional affairs for the public hospitals and served as acting commissioner of health for the New York City Department of Health from 1990 to 1994.

Dr. Chu has experience as an academic health center leader. He was senior associate dean at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons from July 2000 to February 2002. He also served at the New York University School of Medicine and Medical Center as associate dean and vice president for Clinical Affairs from April 1994 to May 2000. As a 1989-1990 Robert Wood Johnson Policy Fellow, he served as a legislative assistant for health for New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley.

Dr. Chu currently serves on the board of the Commonwealth Fund in New York and is chairman of the board of the American Legacy Foundation based in Washington, D.C. In 2008, he completed a three-year term as an at-large board member of the American Hospital Association, serving on the executive committee during the final year. He is currently an AHA appointee to the Joint Commission Board.

Dr. Chu earned his medical degree at New York University, his master's of public health from Columbia University, and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Yale University.



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Glenn D. Steele, Jr., MD, PhD
President & CEO
Geisinger Health System

Glenn D. Steele Jr., MD, PhD, is President and Chief Executive Officer of Geisinger Health System. Dr. Steele joined Geisinger Health System as President and Chief Executive Officer on March 1, 2001. He arrived at Geisinger from the University of Chicago, where he served as Richard T. Crane Professor in the Department of Surgery, Vice President for Medical Affairs, and Dean of the Division of Biological Sciences Division and the Pritzker School of Medicine.

Prior to that, he was the William V. McDermott Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School, President and Chief Executive Officer of Deaconess Professional Practice Group and Chairman of the Department of Surgery at New England Deaconess Hospital.

Widely recognized for his investigations into the treatment of primary and metastatic liver cancer and colorectal cancer surgery, Dr. Steele is past Chairman of the American Board of Surgery. He serves on the editorial board of numerous prominent medical journals. His investigations have focused on the cell biology of gastrointestinal cancer and pre-cancer. Most recently, he has concentrated on innovations in healthcare delivery and financing. A prolific writer, he is the author or co-author of more than 460 scientific and professional articles.

In 2007, *Modern Healthcare* honored Dr. Steele with AHA's Grassroots Champion Award and he was named to the magazine's 50 Most Powerful Physician Executives in Healthcare; in 2009, he was named to the publication's 100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare. In 2010, Dr. Steele received the 8th Annual AHA Health Research & Education Trust Award, honoring individuals who exhibit visionary leadership in healthcare and who symbolize HERT's mission of leveraging research and education to make a dramatic impact in policy and practice.

Dr. Steele received his bachelor's degree in history and literature from Harvard University and his medical degree from New York University School of Medicine. He completed his internship and residency in surgery at the University of Colorado, where he was also a Fellow of the American Cancer Society. He earned his doctorate in microbiology at Lund University in Sweden.



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George F. Will

Pulitzer Prize Winning Columnist for *The Washington Post*
and *Newsweek* Essayist

George F. Will is today's most widely read columnist. His newspaper column has been syndicated by *The Washington Post* since 1974. Today it appears twice weekly in approximately 400 newspapers in the United States and in Europe. In 1976, he became a regular contributing editor of *Newsweek* magazine, for which he provides a bimonthly essay.

In 1977, Will won a Pulitzer Prize for commentary for his newspaper columns. Altogether eight collections of Will's *Newsweek* and *Washington Post* columns have been published, the most recent being *One Man's America*. In 1990, he published *Men At Work: The Craft of Baseball*, which topped *The New York Times* best-seller list for two months and was most recently re-issued on April 13, 2010 as a 20th Anniversary special edition with a new introduction. In 1998, Scribner published *Bunts: Curt Flood, Camden Yards, Pete Rose and Other Reflections on Baseball*, a best-selling collection of new and previously published writings by Will on baseball. Will was a member of Major League Baseball's Blue Ribbon Panel, examining baseball economics.

In 1981, Will became a founding panel member on ABC television's *This Week*. Will was born in Champaign, Illinois, educated at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, Oxford University and Princeton University, where he earned his PhD. He has taught political philosophy at Michigan State University, the University of Toronto and Harvard University. Will served as a staff member in the United States Senate from 1970 to 1972. From 1973 through 1976, he was the Washington editor of *National Review* magazine. Today, Will lives and works in Washington, DC.