



Understanding the Growth and Influence of Private Equity in Health Care

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

(In order of appearance on the program)

Caitlin Ellis, MPA, is the Director of Research Programs at the National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM). Ms. Ellis joined NIHCM in October 2014 and currently leads the organization's research portfolio. In this capacity, she oversees the research grants and awards and works to translate research findings for a broad audience. Ms. Ellis also supports NIHCM's health policy portfolio.

Ms. Ellis received her Masters in Public Affairs with a concentration in Policy Analysis from the Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University, Bloomington, and she holds a BA in Politics from Willamette University. Ms. Ellis held several political and nonprofit internships and fellowships while completing her degrees.

Atul Gupta, PhD, MBA, MS, is an Assistant Professor in the department of Health Care Management at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. He joined Wharton in 2017 from Stanford University, where he received his PhD in Economics. His research interests are in Applied Microeconomics, Health Care, Public Finance, and Industrial Organization. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute for Health Economics.

His current research examines various determinants of productivity in US health care including provider payment contract reforms, the effects of ownership and organization structure, consolidation, the use of advertising, and the expansion of managed care in public insurance.

His research has been published in leading economics journals such as the American Economic Review and American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, and leading health

policy journals such as JAMA and Health Affairs. His work has been featured by major news outlets such as The New York Times, The Washington Post, National Public Radio, The Economist, The New Yorker, The Atlantic, Time, Vox, LA Times, National Review, and others. His study on private equity ownership in nursing homes was cited in the 2022 State of the Union and by subsequent regulations to improve transparency in nursing home ownership.

Prior to Stanford, Atul received his MBA at the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad, India and worked as a management consultant at The Boston Consulting Group for several years.

Jane M. Zhu, MD, MPP, MSHP, is a practicing primary care physician and assistant professor of medicine in the Division of General Internal Medicine at Oregon Health & Science University. She is core faculty at the Center for Health Systems Effectiveness and holds a secondary appointment in Health Systems Management & Policy at the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health. She also is an adjunct Senior Fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Zhu's research centers on health care access and quality, particularly for mental/behavioral health services, as well as the effects of changes in provider incentives and organization of care. Funded by foundation grants and the National Institutes of Health, her work has been published in high-impact journals, including JAMA, NEJM, and Health Affairs, and cited in government and legislative reports.

Dr. Zhu obtained her BSc degree in global health and international development from Duke University, where she was awarded a Fulbright fellowship. She received dual degrees in medicine and public policy from Harvard Medical School and Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. After internal medicine residency training at the University of California, San Francisco, she was selected as a National Clinician Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania where she completed a two-year fellowship.

Zirui Song, MD, PhD is an Associate Professor of Health Care Policy and Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital. His work focuses on health care spending and the effects of payment policy and social interventions on health and economic outcomes. He practices primary care and attends on the inpatient medicine teaching service at MGH.

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Dr. Song has worked on payment policy at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Massachusetts Health Policy Commission. He received an MD, magna cum laude, from HMS and PhD in Health Policy (Economics) from Harvard. He completed residency at MGH, where he was a recipient of the Morton Swartz, MD Humanism in Medicine Award.

Erin C. Fuse Brown, JD, MPH, is the Catherine C. Henson Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Law, Health & Society at Georgia State University College of Law. She specializes in health law and policy, and her research focuses on health care markets, consolidation, and cost-control.

Fuse Brown has published articles in leading legal, health policy, and medical journals about private equity investment, health care prices, medical billing and collection, medical debt, health care competition and consolidation, consumer financial protections, and health reform. She has consulted with the National Academy for State Health Policy, Milbank Memorial Fund, Catalyst for Payment Reform, and others legal and policy strategies to protect health care consumers, control health care costs, and address health care consolidation.

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