

Speakers, Moderators & Panelists

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Jennifer Stevens-Lapsley PT, PhD, FAPTA

Day 1: Why Mobility, Why Now: Setting the Stage

Day 2: What We Heard, What's at Stake

Day 2: Closing Statement & Next Steps

Dr. Stevens-Lapsley is a Professor and Director of the Rehabilitation Science PhD Program and Vice Chair of Research in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Center. She also serves as Associate Director of Research for the Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Center at the Eastern Colorado VA Health Care System. She directs the RESTORE Team, a collaborative research group focused on optimizing health span through movement, and she is passionate about mentoring and training the next generation of rehabilitation scientists. Dr. Stevens-Lapsley is a Fellow of the American Physical Therapy Association (FAPTA) and leads innovative, evidence-based rehabilitation research for older adults that spans mechanistic studies of muscle physiology to pragmatic clinical trials informed by implementation science. She has authored more than 200 peer reviewed publications, secured 30 million dollars in research funding, and received major national and international research awards and invited speaking engagements.



Ellen Strunk PT, MS, GCS, FAPTA, ACEEAA, RAC-CT, CHC

Day 1: The State of Mobility in Nursing Facilities

For nearly two decades Ellen Strunk has worked at the intersection of clinical care, operations, and health policy. Her career spans roles as a clinician, manager/director, and policy specialist, giving her a rare ability to translate complex Medicare payment systems and outpatient therapy billing rules into practical, actionable guidance for providers.

As founder and principal consultant of Rehab Resources and Consulting, Inc., she has supported dozens of organizations in strengthening their clinical performance, operational efficiency, and regulatory readiness. Her background across home-based, community, and post-acute settings allows her to approach challenges with a balanced, patient centered perspective.

Her expertise also extends to policy development and education, where she contributes to quality measure design, provider training, and compliance initiatives. She is a published author, contributing the Health Policy for Physical Therapists and Older Adults chapter to the 4th edition of Guccione's Geriatric Physical Therapy.

**Dan Ciolek** PT, MS, PMP*Day 1: Proving the Value of Mobility: A Business Case for Operators and Payers (Moderator)*

Dan Ciolek has been with the American Health Care Association as Associate Vice President, Therapy Advocacy for 14 years. Over his 39-year career, Dan has practiced as a physical therapy clinician, manager, and business owner in a variety of settings including acute inpatient, inpatient rehabilitation, skilled nursing facility, home health, outpatient, and industrial health. He previously earned the Geriatric Physical Therapy Specialist certification and is a certified Project Management Professional. Prior to AHCA, Dan served in the Subject Matter Expert and Project Manager capacities in numerous CMS payment policy, program integrity, quality measure reporting, and provider and beneficiary education contracts for 13 years.

Dan currently is a lead for several AHCA long-term and post-acute care payment policy, quality, outcomes research initiatives. Relevant to this conference, Dan has facilitated matching grant supported rehabilitation researchers with nursing home provider partners advancing functional outcomes knowledge, including being a co-author on related research articles and conference presentations.

Related to technology, Dan leads AHCA/NCAL national health information technology (HIT) policy initiatives and represents the association in the private-public LTPAC HIT Collaborative and in multiple recent and upcoming HIT-related symposia. Dan has been an author or co-author of several recent health technology related research and trade publication articles and is currently a section editor of an upcoming international long-term and post-acute care HIT book.

**Nisha Hammel** MSW*Day 1: Proving the Value of Mobility: A Business Case for Operators and Payers (Panelist)*

Nisha Hammel serves as Vice President of Reimbursement Policy and Population Health for the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL). She leads the association's policy, advocacy, and strategic initiatives focused on Medicare Advantage, population health, and innovative payment models, including provider-led special needs plans and accountable care organizations (ACOs).

Nisha works with policymakers, providers, and industry stakeholders to advance long-term care providers' leadership in value-based care and population health strategies. She also supports AHCA/NCAL's Population Health Management Council, advancing provider-led solutions that improve quality, outcomes, and financial sustainability.

A recognized thought leader in value-based care, Nisha brings more than 25 years of executive leadership and operational experience across post-acute care and senior living. She is a frequent speaker at national and state conferences on population health, I-SNPs, MA and alternative payment models.

Nisha holds a Master of Social Work and a Specialist in Aging from the University of Michigan and a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Notre Dame.

**Gregory Alexander** PhD, RN, FAAN, FACMI, FIAHSI, FGSA*Day 1: Proving the Value of Mobility: A Business Case for Operators and Payers (Panelist)*

Gregory Alexander is an internationally recognized nursing informaticist and clinical expert with more than 30 years of research and clinical practice leadership. His program of research is focused on technologies used to support patient care delivery, with an emphasis on the care of older adults in the community. He has led several federally funded studies that benchmark national trends in information technology adoption and the impact on quality measures in nursing homes. As a result, he has accumulated nearly 10 years of trend data showing how digital maturity has advanced in the long-term post-acute care space. His most current study funded by the National Institute of Aging is exploring the impacts of digital maturity and nurse practitioner care environments in nursing homes on quality of care for residents with Alzheimer's Disease and related Dementia's.

Alexander was a member of the National Academies of Science Engineering and Medicine's consensus committee on Quality of Care in Nursing which released its report in 2022 titled The National Imperative to Improve Nursing Home Quality: Honoring Our Commitment to Residents, Families, and Staff. Alexander is a Fullbright U.S. Scholar and Ambassador. During his 2017 Fullbright, he worked with an Australian research team to investigate digital maturity as it related to resident care, clinical support, and quality measures in a sample of nursing homes in New South Wales.

Alexander's book, An Introduction to Clinical Health Information Technology for Long Term/Post-Acute Care (LTPAC) Settings, shows how research identifies and promotes evidence toward new models of care, including technology implementation trends and safety and quality impacts for long-term and post-acute care settings.

**Leslie Cunningham-Campbell** LPT, NHA*Day 1: Proving the Value of Mobility: A Business Case for Operators and Payers (Panelist)*

Leslie joined Touchstone Communities as Chief Operating Officer (COO) in April 2020. She has more than 25 years of leadership experience in the skilled nursing and rehabilitation profession

Prior to joining Touchstone, Leslie served for seven years as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Diversicare, a public company based in Tennessee. She also spent close to twenty years with Beverly Enterprises/Golden living in a variety of positions including Physical Therapist, Executive Director, Director of Operations, Division President, and Senior Vice President of Operations.

Leslie is a skilled clinician, an industry speaker, and is active in state and national healthcare associations. In 2019, she was named to the Hall of Honor in the nationwide 2019 McKnight's Women of Distinction awards recognizing her as a top leader in the field of long-term care and senior care. She received her Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy from The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and her Nursing Home Administrator Accreditation from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, WI.

**Alyson Stover** MOT, JD, OTR/L, BCP*Day 1: What the Rules Really Say: Regulation, Interpretation, and Flexibility**Day 1: Understanding Regulatory Penalties and Incentives (Panelist)*

A childhood family trauma first introduced Dr. Stover to the transformative power of occupational therapy. What began as a personal encounter with the profession evolved into a career defined by the belief that clinical excellence must be paired with strong advocacy, thoughtful policy, and systems-level change.

Dr. Stover is an Associate Professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy at the University of Pittsburgh, where she teaches health policy, advocacy, and health system dynamics. She holds both a Juris Doctor and a postgraduate certificate in health law from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, and her scholarly work explores the intersection of rehabilitation practice, policy, reimbursement, and emerging technologies in healthcare. Her research and publications address issues such as access to care, interprofessional training for substance use recovery, and the integration of artificial intelligence into rehabilitation practice.

Clinically, she is a practicing pediatric occupational therapist and co-owner of Capable Kids, a private outpatient pediatric practice serving children and families in rural Pennsylvania. She is AOTA Board Certified in Pediatrics and is known for advancing holistic, occupation-centered approaches to trauma, substance misuse, and pediatric participation.

Beyond clinical practice and scholarship, Dr. Stover works at the intersection of healthcare delivery and system redesign. She advises organizations on program development, reimbursement strategy, and sustainable models of care that operate across the micro, meso, and macro levels of health systems. She is also a founding partner and Chief Health Innovation Strategist at Thrivyn Consulting, where she focuses on healthcare innovation, workforce sustainability, and the integration of technology into clinical practice.

From 2022–2025, Dr. Stover served as President of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), representing more than 60,000 practitioners and advancing national policy priorities related to access, workforce sustainability, and the future of rehabilitation care. Her work continues to center on strengthening occupational therapy's role in shaping health policy, improving reimbursement structures, and ensuring that rehabilitation professionals remain essential contributors to modern healthcare systems.

**Jodi Eyigor***Day 1: Understanding Regulatory Penalties and Incentives (Moderator)*

As the Vice President for Health Policy, Jodi is responsible for overseeing LeadingAge's regulatory and legislative analysis and advocacy work on long-term care issues with a primary focus on nursing homes and assisted living. Jodi works closely with leadership at key federal agencies, such as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and represents LeadingAge on Capitol Hill and various stakeholder coalitions to elevate the needs of LeadingAge members. Jodi has worked for LeadingAge since 2019.

**Alice Bonner** PhD, RN*Day 1: Understanding Regulatory Penalties and Incentives (Panelist)*

Alice Bonner has been a nurse practitioner for over 30 years. She is the former Senior Advisor for Aging at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) and is currently Chair of the Moving Forward Nursing Home Quality Coalition. She is also Adjunct Faculty at the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing.

From 2015-2019, Bonner served as Secretary of the Executive Office of Elder Affairs for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. From 2011 to 2013, Dr. Bonner served as Director of the Division of Nursing Homes in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in Baltimore, MD.

**Deborah Lively***Day 1: Understanding Regulatory Penalties and Incentives (Panelist)*

Deborah Lively serves as the President & CEO of LeadingAge Colorado, a statewide trade association representing the continuum of senior living and aging services providers across Colorado. In her role, Deborah leads the organization in advancing its mission and oversees strategic direction, operations, programs, governance support, and member engagement.

Prior to becoming President & CEO, Deborah served as LeadingAge Colorado's Director of Public Policy and Public Affairs, where she led the association's legislative and regulatory advocacy efforts. Before joining LeadingAge Colorado in 2015, she served as Director of Governmental Affairs for the Tennessee Health Care Association.

A native Coloradan, Deborah is a graduate of Colorado State University.

**Vincent Mor** PhD*Day 1: New Nursing Home and Home Care Data Resources*

Dr. Mor is the Florence Pirce Grant Professor of Community Health in the Brown University School of Public Health. Dr. Mor has been Principal Investigator of over 40 NIH funded grants focusing on the use of health services and the outcomes frail and chronically ill persons experience. He has published over 450 peer reviewed articles, was recipient of a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation health policy investigator award and a MERIT award from the National Institute on Aging. In 2011, Dr. Mor was given the Distinguished Investigator Award from AcademyHealth and was elected to the National Academy of Engineering, Science and Medicine. He was one of the authors of the Congressionally mandated Minimum Data Set (MDS) for Nursing Home Resident Assessment and the architect of an integrated Medicare claims and clinical assessment database used for policy analysis, pharmaco-epidemiology and population outcome measurement. This data resource supports an NIA funded Program Project Grant, "Changing Long Term Care in America", now in its third renewal cycle and makes possible a series of large, pragmatic cluster randomized trials of novel nursing home-based interventions. Building upon this work, most recently, he and colleagues around the country were awarded a large grant from the National Institute on Aging to solicit, fund and support multi-site pilot non-pharmacologic intervention projects embedded in health care systems designed to improve the lives of persons living with dementia and their caregivers. This program is expected to test whether interventions found to be effective when implemented by researchers are still effective when embedded in a functioning health care system.

**Robert Burke MD, MS***Day 1: Mobility Programs in Practice (Moderator)*

Dr. Burke's research seeks to reduce unnecessary hospitalizations and long-term nursing home care for frail older adults. He seeks to influence these outcomes through work, improving care delivery for older adults and influencing health policy and payments. He is leading a VA implementation science program center (SAGE QUERI) seeking to implement evidence-based practices aligned with the "Age-Friendly Health System" model, as well as co-directing the VA Hospital Medicine Analytics Team (HMAT) to improve inpatient hospital care for Veterans. At Penn, his portfolio of research funded by AHRQ and NIA seeks to evaluate and improve policy incentives for the care of institutionalized older adults. He is also the medical director for Penn's Hospital at Home program. He matriculated from Stanford University School of Medicine and completed residency training in internal medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

**Nicki Hastings MD, MHS***Day 1: Mobility Programs in Practice (Panelist)*

Dr. Hastings is a Florence McAlister Distinguished Professor of Medicine and Division Chief of General Internal Medicine at Duke University. She also directs the Center of Innovation to Accelerate Discovery and Practice Transformation (ADAPT) at the Durham VA Health Care System. Dr. Hastings' research focuses on improving acute care delivery and enhancing resilience in older adults. She has led multiple randomized controlled trials, implementation studies, and quality improvement initiatives related to hospital and emergency department use, medication safety, and identifying and mitigating threats to functional independence among older adults. In 2022 she received the inaugural Veterans Health Administration National Diffusion Award for her work in translating research findings into meaningful practice change.

**Nancy McGann PT, CSPHP, CPPS***Day 1: Mobility Programs in Practice (Panelist)*

Nancy McGann currently serves as the Enterprise Director of Safe Mobility for Intermountain Health, where she has worked for the past 20 years. In her current role, Nancy leads initiatives in patient fall prevention, safe patient handling, and patient mobility programming across Intermountain Health's expansive network, which includes 33 hospitals, over 360 clinics, and several post-acute care centers.

Before assuming her present role, Nancy was the System Manager of Caregiver Safety and System Manager of Ergonomics and Safe Patient Handling and Mobility at SCL Health, now part of Intermountain Health. Her career spans over 37 years as a therapist and ergonomic consultant in both industrial and healthcare settings.

Nancy is serving her 7th year as an at large member on the board of directors of the Association of Safe Patient Handling Professionals and is involved in many boards and committees that support safe mobility. Her expertise and dedication have led her to publish and speak nationally over the past 17 years. Her unwavering passion lies in preventing harm to both caregivers and patients while promoting mobility to ensure the highest quality of care.

**Margaret Arnold** PT, CSPHP*Day 1: Mobility Programs in Practice (Panelist)*

CEO of EarlyMobility.com, Margaret is an expert in Safe Early Mobility. She has over 30 years of experience as a PT, specializing in back injury treatment and prevention, industrial rehabilitation, ergonomics, and safe patient early and continuous mobility.

Margaret developed and managed a successful safe patient handling program and initiated an early mobility program in her home hospital in Bay City, Michigan.

Margaret has done a TED talk on early mobility and safe patient handling and presents extensively at domestic and international conference. She served as editorial advisor on Early Mobility for the International Journal of Safe Patient Handling and recently completed two terms serving as board of director for the American Safe Patient Handling Association. She has published extensively and is a pioneer in integrating early mobility programs with safe patient handling programs.

Margaret has also planned and delivered an international conference on Interdisciplinary Safe Early and Continuous Mobility for 3 years, focusing on the clinical application and interprofessional considerations and teamwork. Disciplines represented include MD, RN, PT, OT, SLP, RT, Case Managers, Administrators (CMO, CEO, CNO, and Rehab Directors)

Margaret is involved in research to incorporate SPHM technologies into Early Mobility Programs and has designed a multi-function mobility harness that is available through one of her companies, Inspire Outcomes.

Margaret is passionate about doing whatever it takes to provide the best care for the patients in the safest way for caregivers. As a business owner herself, she understands fiscal responsibility and is always conscious about presenting her clients with their best business case and estimated ROI for implementing SPHM and EarlyMobility.com Programs.

**Dennis Hansen** PT, MBA*Day 1: ENVISION: From Concept to Feasibility (Facilitator)**Day 2: Working Groups (Facilitator)*

Dennis Hansen, PT, MBA, serves as a Senior Business Services Professional with the RESTORE team at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. He brings experience across physical therapy, nursing home and rehabilitation operations, healthcare strategy, senior living governance, organizational development, and executive leadership, including prior roles as a hospital COO and President. He is also a sculptor and artist whose work has been shown at Sculpture in the Park in Loveland, Colorado.

As Founder of Next Gen Synergy Solutions, LLC, he is developing BAMS Fuzion as part of a broader STEAM-informed approach to human-centered design and problem-solving grounded in Bio-Creative Interplay. This approach brings the artistic process and scientific method together to expand perception, reveal connections that may be missed, and develop more responsive, fine-tuned solutions. One guiding principle of this work is Sensibility Guides Precision. Settle for More.

**Cari Levy MD, PhD***Day 1: Synthesis*

Dr. Levy is a Professor of Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine who trained in internal medicine and is board-certified in Hospice and Palliative Medicine and Geriatric Medicine. She has practiced geriatrics and palliative medicine at the Rocky Mountain Regional Veterans Affairs Medical Center since 2006 where she also conducts health services research related to geriatric models of care and implementation of palliative care approaches. She is the National Director for Palliative and Hospice Medicine for the Veterans Health Administration. Dr. Levy also serves as Division Head of Geriatric Medicine and Director of the Center on Aging at the University of Colorado.

**Cathy Ciolek PT, DPT, FAPTA***Day 2: Leading for Mobility: Culture, Environment, and Expectation*

Dr. Cathy Ciolek is President of Living Well With Dementia, LLC- providing education and consultation to promote well-being and positive expectations for aging adults. She has over 35 years physical therapy clinical experience working with older adults across the continuum of care including as staff PT, Director of PT and Director of Rehab. She has served as Regional Director for the Pennsylvania Restraint Reduction Initiative (PARRI), and as faculty at the University of Delaware and Widener University PT programs (adjunct). Additionally, Cathy is Board Certified Geriatric Clinical Specialist Emeritus. She currently serves as President of the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy, APTA and has been recognized by the American Physical Therapy Association as a Catherine Worthingham Fellow.

**Jenna Zajac PT, DPT, PhD***Day 2: Empowering Mobility through Technology (Moderator)*

Dr. Zajac is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus and the VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System, where her research focuses on improving mobility, rehabilitation, and functional recovery for older adults across clinical and post-acute care settings.

Dr. Zajac earned her PhD in Rehabilitation Sciences from Boston University, where her doctoral research examined real-world mobility and walking performance in individuals with Parkinson's disease, with an emphasis on wearable technology, gait assessment, and innovative approaches to rehabilitation. Her research interests include mobility assessment, wearable and digital health technologies, clinical decision-making, implementation science, and the development of practical strategies to translate mobility data into meaningful improvements in care. She is particularly interested in how technology and patient-centered approaches can help clinicians better measure, understand, and promote mobility beyond traditional rehabilitation sessions.



Deepak Gaddipati

Day 2: Empowering Mobility through Technology (Panelist)

Deepak is an entrepreneur who has built successful hardware technology businesses across the security, defense, and healthcare sectors over several decades. He was the first to commercialize airport security scanners capable of detecting explosives concealed on individuals. He also holds multiple patents and has authored numerous publications in machine vision and deep learning.



Brian Harris MT-BC, NMT/F, FACRM

Day 2: Empowering Mobility through Technology (Panelist)

Brian Harris is the Founder of MedRhythms, developer of the world's first prescription music platform, who is pioneering work at the intersection of music, neuroscience, and technology. He is a board-certified music therapist and one of only 350 Neurologic Music Therapist Fellows worldwide. Brian began his clinical career at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, where he created and implemented the hospital's first full-time inpatient Neurologic Music Therapy program. Specializing in traumatic brain injury, stroke, and other neurologic diseases, he built the program into the most comprehensive NMT program in the country.

Brian co-founded the Arts & Neuroscience Group at the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM) and was named a 2025 Fellow of ACRM for his nationally recognized contributions to rehabilitation medicine. He is also the first music therapist selected as a member of The Recording Academy.

He has been an invited speaker at leading institutions worldwide, including Harvard Medical School, Stanford University, Berklee College of Music, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, and the Neurology Foundation of India. Brian is an author on multiple publications in music and rehabilitation and is listed as an inventor on several patents related to MedRhythms products. His work has been featured in Forbes, CNBC, Rolling Stone, and The Huffington Post. He has also been named to MedTech Boston's 40 Under 40 Healthcare Innovators and recognized as one of the Top 100 Innovation CEOs by World Biz Magazine.

**Patrick Tarnowski** PT, MBA*Day 2: Empowering Mobility through Technology (Panelist)*

Pat is an accomplished healthcare executive and Chief Commercial Officer at OneStep, leading the company's strategic expansion into the U.S. market. With deep expertise across health plans, health systems, medical devices, startups, and digital health innovation, Pat has consistently driven growth and transformative change in healthcare delivery. His leadership has spanned overseeing the rehabilitation service line for a health system encompassing 11 hospitals, 40 outpatient clinics, and a robust post-acute continuum. He has successfully launched and scaled care delivery companies, developed digital solutions addressing disease management and virtual care, and guided providers toward value-based care success. As a health plan leader, Pat advanced digital care initiatives, provider enablement strategies, and data-driven solutions for high-cost claimant management. Pat earned his physical therapy degree from Boston University and an MBA from the University of St. Thomas. His dedication to advancing healthcare extends to research and mentorship—serving as a clinical investigator, grant reviewer for the National Science Foundation's SBIR seed fund, and mentor for the I-Corps Innovation program. Additionally, he has contributed to the profession as a member of the APTA Finance and Audit Committee. Based in Minneapolis with his family and dog, Maizy, Pat is an avid outdoors enthusiast and a passionate advocate for healthcare innovation and excellence.

**Natalie E. Leland** PhD, OTR/L, BCG, FAOTA, FGSA*Day 2: Mobility is Personal: Persons with Lived Experience & Caregiver Perspectives (Moderator)*

Dr. Leland is a professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy at the University of Pittsburgh. She received her BS in Occupational Therapy from the University of New Hampshire and her MS and PhD in Gerontology from the University of Massachusetts-Boston. She then completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the Center for Gerontology and Health Care Research at Brown University.

She is a health services and implementation science researcher. Dr. Leland collaborates with community partners to examine questions addressing healthcare access, outcomes, and quality of care for vulnerable older adults with a particular interest in how to accelerate the implementation of evidence into clinical practice to optimize patient-prioritized outcomes. Her work leverages a mixed methods to ensure the lived experiences of patients, care partners, healthcare providers, leaders, staff, and other key community perspectives are reflected in the development, execution, and dissemination of the research.

Drawing on her extensive geriatric clinical and research experience working in post-acute and long-term care she has served on a variety of Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services technical expert panels related to post-acute care.

**Linda Crawford** OTR/L*Day 2: Working Groups (Facilitator)*

Linda Crawford, OTR/L, is a licensed occupational therapist with over 35 years of experience spanning clinical practice, leadership, education, and advocacy. As past president of the Occupational Therapy Association of Colorado, Linda was actively involved in healthcare advocacy and policy efforts with the Colorado State Legislature, the Colorado Department of Healthcare Policy and Finances (HCPF), the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), and other state agencies and stakeholders.

At the University of Colorado Anschutz Campus, Linda completed training as an Older Adult Research Specialist (OARS) and served as a Community Outreach Liaison for the Arts and Humanities in Healthcare and Music and Medicine programs.

Honors include an AOTA service commendation for her contributions to The Role of Occupational Therapy in Pain Management, a Distinguished Alumni Award from the Department of Occupational Therapy at Colorado State University, and the Majorie Ball Award of Merit from the Occupational Therapy Association of Colorado.

A long-time educator and mentor, Linda has presented at state, national, and international conferences and is passionate about developing innovative healthcare solutions.

**Terry Fulmer** PhD, RN, FAAN*Day 2: Keynote Speaker*

Dr. Fullmer is an adjunct professor of medicine at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth and President Emerita of The John A. Hartford Foundation in New York City, a foundation dedicated to improving older adults' care. She served for 10 years as the chief strategist for the Foundation, and her vision for better care of older adults is catalyzing the Age-Friendly Health Systems social movement. Dr. Fulmer is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine and served on the 2020 independent Coronavirus Commission for Safety and Quality in Nursing Homes, which advised the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. She completed a Brookdale National Fellowship and is the first nurse to serve on the American Geriatrics Society board. The first nurse to have served as President of the Gerontological Society of America, which awarded her the 2019 Donald P. Kent Award for exemplifying the highest standards for professional leadership in the field of aging.