

# ENCODING HEALTH EQUITY SUMMIT 2026: Integrating Equity by Design

Tuesday, June 23, 2026 ■ Barbara Jordan Conference Center ■ Washington, DC

## SUMMIT PROGRAM

**8:30 AM**      **Networking Breakfast and Registration**

**9:00 AM**      **Opening and Keynote Introduction**

**Sindy Escobar Alvarez, PhD**

Program Director for Medical Research, Doris Duke Foundation

**Helen Burstin, MD, MPH, MACP**

Chief Executive Officer, Council of Medical Specialty Societies

**9:15 AM**      **Keynote Address: Choices: Building Ethical AI Systems**

**Kedar Mate, MD**

Co-founder and CMO of Qualified Health, Former CEO of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement

**10:00 AM**      **Panel Discussion: Translating Ethical AI Principles into Practice**

Moderator: **Tina Hernandez-Boussard, PhD, MPH**

Associate Dean of Research, Professor of Medicine, Stanford University;  
Encoding Equity Alliance, Co-Chair

**Leo Celi, MD, MS, MPH**

Senior Research Scientist, Massachusetts Institute of Technology,  
Harvard Medical School

**Judy Gichoya, MD, MS**

Associate Professor, Emory University School of Medicine

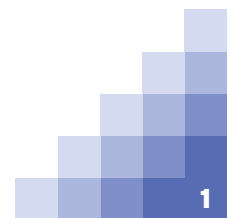
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**10:45 AM**      **Coffee and Tea Break – Poster Walk**



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**11:10 AM**

### **Panel Discussion with Grantees: Reassessing and Revising Clinical Guidance**

Moderator: **Cynthia Delgado, MD**

Professor of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco

**Le Hua, MD**, representing **American Academy of Neurology**

Associate Professor of Neurology, Cleveland Clinic Nevada

*Audit of AAN's evidence-based guidance documents and prioritize at least 10 AAN guidelines for review*

**Shazia Siddique, MD, MSHP**, representing **American Gastroenterological Association**

Chief Medical Officer, MDCalc

*Reassess the existing race-based guideline recommendation for Barrett's esophagus screening*

**Christina Pierre, PhD**, representing **College of American Pathologists**

Assistant Professor, Perelman School of Medicine

*Address race in current prenatal serum screening guideline and develop new evidence-based guidelines*

**11:30 AM**

### **Panel Discussion: Bridging the Gap: Research Strategies for Advancing Health Equity in a Changing Landscape**

Moderator: **Marshall Chin, MD, MPH**

Richard Parrillo Family Distinguished Service Professor Healthcare Ethics,  
Department of Medicine, University of Chicago

**Felicity Enders, PhD, MPH**

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences,  
Associate Director, Center for Clinical and Translational Science, Mayo Clinic

**Jennifer Lin, MD, MCR, FACP**

Director, Evidence-based Practice Center, Center for Health Research,  
Kaiser Permanente

**Sean Levy, MD**

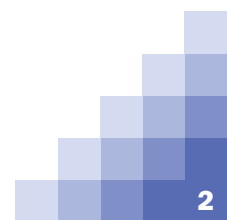
Attending Physician, Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, & Sleep Medicine,  
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Associate Medical Director for Pulmonary  
Medicine, Harvard Medical School

**12:15 PM**

**Lunch**



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1:30 PM

### Panel Discussion with Grantees: **Raising Awareness and Disseminating Findings**

Moderator: **Rachel Villanueva, MD, FACOG**

Past President, National Medical Association

**Joseph Wright, MD, MPH, FAAP**

Chief Health Equity Officer and Senior Vice President, **American Academy of Pediatrics**

*Pediatrics journal supplement on the use of race in practice guidance and health equity research*

**Lauren Ahearn**

Policy and Government Affairs Coordinator, **American Society of Nephrology**

*ASN Toolkit on Promoting Kidney Health to bolster understanding of and reasoning behind the removal of race from the eGFR*

**Sean Levy, MD**, representing **American Thoracic Society**

Attending Physician, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

*Elucidate real and perceived barriers to the implementation of race-neutral reference equations for pulmonary function testing*

1:50 PM

### Panel Discussion with Grantees: **Assessing Potential Explanatory Factors**

Moderator: **Justin List, MD, MAR, MSc, FACP**

Chief Medical Officer, Howard Brown Health

**Joe Reyes, MS**

Manager, Quality Measurement & Regulatory Affairs, **American Academy of Ophthalmology**

*Examine issues around race and ethnicity in glaucoma care and host scientific discussion of findings*

**Tokoya Williams, MD**

Research and Scientific Strategy Consultant, **American College of Surgeons**

*Redesigning the ACS Commission on Cancer Surgical Standards beyond race to reflect social, geographic, and biologic drivers*

**Stacey Uhl, MS**

Director of Practice Guidelines, **American Society of Anesthesiologists**

*Reassess existing guidance on obstetric anesthesia through evaluating and analyzing how race is represented in existing studies and identifying underlying factors that influence health outcomes*

**Emily Einstein, PhD**

Senior Director, Quality and Science, **American Society of Addiction Medicine**

*Revise practice guideline on opioid use disorder treatment to increase awareness of disparities and improve patient outcomes*



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- 2:15 PM**      **Coffee and Tea Break**
- 2:35 PM**      **Panel Discussion: *Editors Weigh In: Raising the Bar for Health Equity in Publishing***  
Moderator: **Elena Fuentes-Afflick, MD, MPH**  
Chief Scientific Officer, Association of Medical Colleges  
**Alex Kemper, MD**  
Editor-in-Chief, Pediatrics, American Academy of Pediatrics, Professor and Chief,  
Division of Primary Care Pediatrics, Nationwide Children's Hospital  
**Christine Laine, MD, MPH**  
Editor-in-Chief, Annals of Internal Medicine, American College of Physicians  
**Denys Lau, PhD**  
Editor-in-Chief, American Journal of Public Health
- 3:15 PM**      **Excavating Bias: How to Tell the Complex Story of Medical Algorithms**  
**Usha Lee McFarling, MS**  
Director, The Knight Science Journalism Program at MIT
- 3:45 PM**      **Closing Keynote Address: *Transformation in Healthcare: Lessons Learned from Challenging Bias in Nephrology***  
**Amaka Eneanya, MD, MPH, FASN**  
Principal, Bold Clinical Advisory LLC, Former Chief Transformation Officer,  
Emory Healthcare
- 4:15 PM**      **Closing Reflections**  
**Joseph Wright, MD, MPH, FAAP**  
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**Tina Hernandez-Boussard, PhD, MPH**  
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- 4:20 PM**      **Adjourn**

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



Visit [EncodingEquity.org](https://EncodingEquity.org) for additional Tools, Resources, News, and engagement opportunities for this community focused on reconsidering race in clinical algorithms.