

Meeting the Challenges to Reduce Maternal Risk: A Dialogue with Neel Shah, MD

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Dr. Neel Shah, MD, MPP, FACOG, is an Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Biology at Harvard Medical School, and Director of the Delivery Decisions Initiative at Harvard's Ariadne Labs.

As an obstetrician-gynecologist at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, Dr. Shah cares for patients at critical life moments that range from childbirth to primary care to surgery. As a scientist and social entrepreneur, he is a globally recognized expert in designing, testing, and spreading solutions that improve healthcare.

Dr. Shah is listed among the "40 smartest people in health care" by the Becker's Hospital Review, and has been profiled by the New York Times, CNN, and other outlets. He is senior author of the book *Understanding Value-Based Healthcare* (McGraw-Hill), which Don Berwick has called "an instant classic" and Atul Gawande called "a masterful primer for all clinicians." Prior to joining the Harvard faculty, Dr. Shah founded Costs of Care, a global NGO that curates insights from clinicians to help delivery systems provide better care. In 2017, Dr. Shah co-founded the March for Moms Association, a coalition of 20 leading organizations, to increase public and private investment in the wellbeing of mothers.

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Jay Bhatt is the senior vice president and chief medical officer of the American Hospital Association (AHA), president of HRET and serves on the executive team for the AHA Center for Health Innovation. Most recently, he was the first chief health officer at the Illinois Health & Hospital Association. In this role, he led large improvement projects including the Hospital Engagement Network (HEN), which is aimed at reducing readmissions and hospital-acquired conditions. He has launched several improvement collaboratives, managed the Medical Executive Forum, led the Midwest Alliance for Patient Safety, launched a physician leadership academy, and designed and advanced a statewide high-reliability initiative.

Previously, he was managing deputy commissioner and chief innovation officer for the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH). There he led the implementation of Healthy Chicago — the city's public health agenda, innovations in cross-sector partnerships, predictive analytics, epidemiology and informatics. He led the department to be internationally and nationally recognized in their approach to using predictive analytics to improve food inspections, chronic disease, West Nile and lead inspections. He also led a groundbreaking initiative with Advocate South Asian Cardiovascular Center in developing the South Asian Healthy Eating Benefits program along with a partnership to reimagine community benefit spending with Presence Health. Under his leadership, the Chicago Department of Public Health was awarded Local Health Department of the Year, and received an award from the National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention.

He also is a practicing internal medicine physician for Erie Family Health Center in Chicago serving vulnerable populations and is a member of the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern faculty and the University of Michigan Medical School faculty. He graduated from the University of Chicago in 1999 with a degree in economics. In 2008, Dr. Bhatt received both his medical degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, and his Master in Public Health degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health. In 2012, he received his Master's in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government as a Zuckerman Leadership Fellow and Mongan Commonwealth Fund/Harvard Minority Health Policy Fellow. He was a White House Fellows National Finalist in 2013. He is an American College of Physicians Walter McDonald Young Physician Awardee, 40 under 40 health innovator award recognition, and selected to the prestigious Presidential Leadership Scholars Program in 2016. He enjoys exploring Chicago with family and friends including trying different restaurants. He also enjoys teaching dance in the community.