



The 25th Annual
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
HEALTH CARE
Symposium

HOSTED BY:



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8:00 am – 9:00 am	Welcome/Registration/Breakfast			
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Keynote Speaker: To Be Announced			
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Morning Break – Meet the Exhibitors			
	Policy & Advocacy	Health Center Optimization	Workforce	Clinical Operations
10:15 am – 11:45 am	<p>From Clinic to Community: Empowering Health Care Providers to Lead Conversations that Build Trust (10:45 – 11:45 am)</p> <p>Dr. Ilan Shapiro, AltaMed Health Services</p>	<p>What's Up with Medi-Cal?</p> <p>Curt Degenfelder, Curt Degenfelder Health</p>	<p>Build a Better Team: Organizational Design Strategies that Promote Resilience and Retention (10:30 – 11:30 am)</p> <p>Andy Eck and Deanna Drake, Facktor Healthcare Consulting and Monica Gutierrez-McCarthy, Eisner Health</p>	<p>Innovating Injustice: AI's Impact on Patients' Lives</p> <p>Kevin De Liban, Techtonic Justice and Connie Lo, Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California</p>
11:45 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch Break with the Exhibitors			
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	<p>Policy Hot Topics</p> <p>Joanne Preece, CCALAC; Aurora Garcia-Barrera, Coalition of Orange County Community Health Centers; and Dennis Cuevas-Romero, California Primary Care Association</p>	<p>Bridging Coverage, Trust, and Retention: Designing Sustainable Medicare Growth for Community Health Centers</p> <p>Johanna Cazares, Alcar Health and Giovani Perez, Northeast Valley Health Corporation</p>	<p>From Surviving to Leading: Building Emotional Resilience and Adaptive Capacity for Middle Managers</p> <p>Dr. Emily Ptaszek and Natalie Martin, Elevation Health Partners</p>	<p>Care Coordination: Health Related Social Needs and Enhanced Visit Adherence</p> <p>Cassia Brockway, Elevation Health Partners; Deanna Newman, CCALAC; and Jared Friedman, Saban Community Clinic</p>
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Snack Break with the Exhibitors			
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	<p>SESSION TO BE ANNOUNCED</p>	<p>Preparing for the Longevity Age: Optimizing FQHC Medicare Reimbursement</p> <p>Ben Leroi and Nathan Smith, Wipfli, LLC and Elizabeth Meisler, St. John's Community Health</p>	<p>Scorekeeper to Strategist, the Changing Role of the CFO</p> <p>Rebecca Barrientos, Christy Yoakum and Scott Gold, Forvis Mazars</p>	<p>Breaking Barriers in Diabetes Care: Improved Outcomes through Integration of Clinical and Social Support in a Low-Income Community</p> <p>Dr. Yohanna Barth-Rogers and Jennifer Garcia, UMMA Health</p>