

# SIDM2021

## REDUCING DISPARITIES IMPROVING DIAGNOSIS

DIAGNOSTIC ERROR IN MEDICINE 14TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

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The **Society to Improve Diagnosis in Medicine** will present its 14th International Diagnostic Error in Medicine Conference (SIDM2021) in October. This year's theme is: **Reducing Disparities; Improving Diagnosis**. Attendees will come together **virtually** to showcase developments in the field of diagnostic quality and safety while exploring how disparities and inequities contribute to misdiagnosis and diagnostic delays. This includes sharing research, innovations, ideas and **solutions being evaluated or implemented**. The conference brings together participants representing the cross-cutting nature of medicine including physicians, patients, nurses, educators, researchers, quality leaders, safety experts, policymakers, and more. As a Patients-Included event, the Conference will also illustrate how including patients and families as a crucial part of the diagnostic team leads to improved diagnostic outcomes.

Conference content is being directed by the chairs, Drs. Peter Pronovost and Ron Wyatt, supported by a planning committee representing numerous stakeholder groups. Dr. Wyatt articulated a vision for the conference as a convening where attendees come together as a community to better understand all types of disparities, from race, to gender, to age. "We need to have difficult, but important conversations about implicit bias and look at how disparities and inequalities contribute to misdiagnosis and diagnostic delays. We will all have to be comfortable with being uncomfortable during these discussions." Dr Pronovost added his perspective, "the pandemic has brought into sharp focus the impact of disparities on health care quality. Overlooked however, has been how disparities have long affected the ability to get an accurate, timely and well-communicated diagnosis."

The Conference will include keynote and plenary presentations, a Patient Summit, interactive breakout sessions, field-submitted workshops, poster presentations, oral abstracts, and multiple networking opportunities. This year's conference will once again include the popular and dynamic session, "Clinical Problem Solving in Action," a real-time unfolding case illustrating the clinical reasoning that leads to the diagnosis. Featured for the first time will be a poster session created and presented by patients and families that will tell the story of their own diagnostic error, using the National Academies of Medicine diagnostic process map, and the quality improvement efforts that resulted. By sharing stories from the patient's perspective, attendees will learn the important role patients play in understanding causes and solutions of diagnostic error. Participants will access all content through an enhanced virtual platform that will permit interaction between speakers and the audience as well as networking opportunities.

**A summary of the plenary speakers can be found on the reverse and the full program can be found [here](#)**

# PLENARY SPEAKERS

## SPEAKERS

## SESSION TITLE

- **Peter J. Pronovost, MD, PhD, FCCM** ..... Love as a Way to Reduce Inequities  
 Chief Quality & Clinical Transformation Officer  
 University Hospitals
- **Ron Wyatt, MD, MHA** ..... Eliminating Disparity, The Time is Now  
 Vice President and Patient Safety Officer  
 MCIC Vermont LLC
- **Tejal Gandhi, MD, MPH, CPPS** ..... Embedding the Equity Lens into Diagnostic Safety Efforts  
 Chief Safety and Transformation Officer  
 Press Ganey Associates LLC
- **David Ansell, MD, MPH** ..... Structural Racism as a Cause of Diagnostic Error: The Case of Breast Cancer Disparity in Chicago  
 Senior Vice President for Community Health Equity  
 Rush University
- **Christine K. Cassel, MD** ..... Old Age is not a Diagnosis: Lessons from Geriatric Medicine  
 Senior Advisor for Strategy and Policy  
 University of California San Francisco
- **Lakshmi Krishnan, MD, PhD** ..... Telling the Lion's Tale: Toward Diagnostic Health Equity  
 Director, Georgetown Medical Humanities Initiative  
 Georgetown University

# PLENARY SPEAKERS CONTINUED

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- **Maya Dusenbery** ..... How Gender Bias Contributes to Diagnostic Delay and Error  
 Journalist, Editor, Author
- **Jaime Seltzer, MS** ..... In It for the Long Haul: Diagnostic Challenges in Post-Viral Disease  
 Director, Scientific and Medical Outreach  
 #MEAAction
- **Urmimala Sarkar, MD, MPH** ..... The Role of Communication and Implicit Bias in the Diagnostic Process  
 Associate Director, UCSF Center for Vulnerable Population  
 University of California San Francisco
- **Said Ibrahim, MD, MPH, MBA** ..... Diagnosis, Disparities, and Data: A Nexus for Improving Equity?  
 Chief, Division of Healthcare Delivery Science and Innovation  
 Weill Cornell Medicine
- **Hardeep Singh, MD, MPH** ..... The Safer Dx Checklist for Health Care Organizations: Step One in Learning and Exploration of Diagnostic Excellence  
 Chief, Health Policy, Quality & Informatics Program  
 Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center
- **Gordy Schiff, MD** ..... Pitfalls in clinical diagnosis: Practical tips for situational awareness and safety nets to prevent and mitigate harm  
 Associate Director, Center for Patient Safety Research and Practice  
 Brigham and Women's Hospital
- **David E. Newman-Toker, MD, PhD** ..... Four T's to Transform Diagnosis: Teamwork, Training, Technology, and Tuning to Eliminate Missed Stroke in the ED  
 Professor of Neurology, Ophthalmology, & Otolaryngology  
 Johns Hopkins University