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Speaker Biographies

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Mary R. Grealy
President
Healthcare Leadership Council

Mary R. Grealy is president of the Healthcare Leadership Council, a coalition of chief executives of the nation's leading healthcare companies and organizations. HLC advocates consumer-centered healthcare reform, emphasizing the value of private sector innovation. It is the only health policy advocacy group that represents all sectors of the healthcare industry. She was appointed to the position in August 1999. Ms. Grealy has an extensive background in healthcare policy. She has led important initiatives on the uninsured, improving patient safety and quality, protecting the privacy of patient medical information, and reforming the medical liability laws. She testifies regularly before Congress and federal regulatory agencies. She is a frequent public speaker on health issues and has been ranked many times by Modern Healthcare as one of the 100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare and has been named to Modern Healthcare's list of the Top 25 Women in Healthcare for 2009.

The Honorable Ami Bera, M.D. (D-CA)
U.S. Congress

Congressman Ami Bera represents California's 7th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. A first-generation American born and raised in California, Bera earned both his B.S. and M.D. from the University of California, Irvine. During Congressman Bera's twenty-year medical career, he worked to improve the availability, quality, and affordability of healthcare. After graduating from medical school in 1991, he did his residency in internal medicine at California Pacific Medical Center, eventually becoming chief resident. He went on to practice medicine in the Sacramento area, serving in various leadership roles for MedClinic Medical Group. He then served as medical director of care management for Mercy Healthcare, where he developed and implemented a comprehensive care management strategy for the seven-hospital system. Bera went on to serve Sacramento County as chief medical officer. He then became clinical professor of medicine and associate dean for admissions and outreach at University of California, Davis. In Congress, Bera serves on the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology and the Committee on Foreign Affairs. Congressman Bera is a member of the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans, as well as the New Democrat Coalition, a group of legislators dedicated to maintaining America's standing as the world's strongest, most successful nation.

Congressman Bera is the only Indian American currently serving in Congress. He has lived in Elk Grove, California, for 16 years with his wife Janine, who is also a medical doctor. They are proud parents to their 16-year-old daughter, Sydra.

Maura Calsyn, JD
Director of Health Policy
Center for American Progress

Maura Calsyn is the Director of Health Policy at American Progress. In this capacity, she plays a leading role in American Progress's health policy development and advocacy efforts. She has authored and co-authored work published in The New England Journal of Medicine, JAMA Internal Medicine, U.S. News & World Report, and The Hill. Her work covers a range of topics, including Medicare and Medicaid payment reform, health care transparency, and trends in employer-sponsored insurance. She has also testified before Congress. Prior to joining the Center, Calsyn was an attorney with the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the General Counsel. During her time there she served as the Department's lead attorney for several Medicare programs and advised the Department on implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Before joining the Office of the General Counsel, Calsyn worked as a health care attorney at two international law firms and represented a wide variety of health care payers, providers, and manufacturers. Calsyn first worked in health policy as a health care legislative assistant for Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-CA) before attending law school. Calsyn graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School, and received her B.A. summa cum laude from Hamilton College.

Diane Horvath-Cosper, MD, MPH, FACOG
Representing the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

Diane Horvath-Cosper, MD, MPH, FACOG earned her undergraduate degrees from the Ohio State University, her master of public health at Johns Hopkins, and her medical degree from the Medical University of Ohio. She completed her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Minnesota, then practiced as a generalist OB/GYN for four years at a teaching hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota. She returned to fellowship at Washington Hospital Center in DC in order to focus her practice on family planning, and will complete her training in June 2016.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists is the nation's leading group of physicians providing health care for women. As a private, voluntary, nonprofit membership organization of approximately 58,000 members, The College strongly advocates for quality health care for women, maintains the highest standards of clinical practice and continuing education of its members, promotes patient education, and increases awareness among its members and the public of the changing issues facing women's health care.