



**HLC Obesity Forum**  
**Speaker Biographies**  
*Thursday, April 16, 2015*

**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.

Keynote

**Vice Admiral (VADM) Vivek H. Murthy, M.D., M.B.A.**  
**United States Surgeon General**

Vice Admiral (VADM) Vivek H. Murthy, M.D., M.B.A. was nominated by President Barack Obama in November 2013 and confirmed on December 15, 2014 as the 19th United States Surgeon General. As America's Doctor, Dr. Murthy is responsible for communicating the best available scientific information to the public regarding ways to improve personal health and the health of the nation. He also oversees the operations of the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps, comprised of approximately 6,800 uniformed health officers who serve in locations around the world to promote, protect, and advance the health and safety of our nation.

Dr. Murthy has devoted himself to improving public health through the lens of service, clinical care, research, education, and entrepreneurship. The son of immigrants from India, Dr. Murthy discovered a love for the art of healing early in his childhood while spending time in his father's medical clinic in Miami, Florida. After attending Miami Palmetto Senior High School, he received his Bachelor's degree from Harvard, and his M.D. and M.B.A. degrees from Yale. He completed his residency training at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School where he later joined the faculty as an internal medicine physician and instructor. Dr. Murthy regards caring for patient as

the greatest privilege of his life, and he has cared for thousands of patients and trained hundreds of residents and medical students as a clinician-educator.

In addition to clinical practice, Dr. Murthy has two decades of experience and perspective improving health in communities across the country and around the world. He co-founded VISIONS, an HIV/AIDS education program in India and the United States, which he led for eight years. As President, he established ten chapters with hundreds of volunteers in both countries and grew the organization's education programs to reach more than 45,000 youth. Dr. Murthy also co-founded the Swasthya project ("health and wellbeing" in Sanskrit), a community health partnership in rural India, to train women to be health providers and educators. During his five-year tenure with the organization, he established seed funding and helped expand research and direct care programs that reached tens of thousands of rural residents.

As a research scientist, Dr. Murthy has conducted laboratory research on vaccine development and studied the participation of women and minorities in clinical trials. His research findings have been published in *Science*, the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, and the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*. Dr. Murthy is also a healthcare entrepreneur and innovator. He co-founded and chaired a successful software technology company, TrialNetworks, which improves research collaboration and enhances the efficiency of clinical trials around the world. In seven years, Dr. Murthy and his team took the company from conception to an international enterprise that powers dozens of clinical trials for over 50,000 patients in more than 75 countries. Dr. Murthy has also served as the President of Doctors for America, a non-profit organization with more than 16,000 physicians and medical students in all 50 states who work with patients and policymakers to build high quality, affordable health system for all.

Seen by many as a proven leader who can use 21st century approaches and technology to modernize the role of Surgeon General, Dr. Murthy will focus his efforts on building cross-sector partnerships in communities to address the epidemics of obesity and tobacco-related disease, to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness, and to improve vaccination rates, and to make prevention and health promotion the backbone of our communities. Dr. Murthy firmly believes that our nation's greatest strength has always come from its people. Improving the health of our people means strengthening our communities and our country. That will be Dr. Murthy's highest priority as Surgeon General.

## Panel 1

**Gary D. Foster, Ph.D.**  
**Chief Scientific Officer**  
**Weight Watchers International**

Gary Foster, Ph.D., is the Chief Scientific Officer at Weight Watchers International, Inc. Foster, a psychologist, obesity investigator, and behavior change expert, was previously the Founder and Director of the Center of Obesity Research and Education and Laura Carnell Professor of Medicine, Public Health and Psychology at Temple University in Philadelphia. Prior to Temple, he served as a faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He has authored more than 175 scientific publications and three books on the etiology and treatment of obesity. In 2014, Dr. Foster was awarded the George A. Bray Founders Award by The Obesity Society, which recognizes significant contributions to advance the scientific or clinical basis for understanding or treating obesity, and for extensive involvement with the Society.

Dr. Foster's research interests include the prevention, behavioral determinants, treatments, and effects of obesity in adults and children. His current focus is on scalable, evidence based approaches to obesity management. Foster earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Duquesne University, an M.S. in Psychology from University of Pennsylvania, and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Temple University.

**Charles Baum, M.D., M.S., FACG, FTOS**  
**Vice President and Head U.S. Medical Affairs**  
**Takeda Pharmaceuticals International**

Dr. Baum directs a multi-disciplinary team of more than 100 Takeda healthcare professionals who focus on healthcare and business innovation, clinical and real-world evidence generation, disease management through digital technology, and partnerships directed at demonstrating the value proposition of our medications.

Prior to joining Takeda 9 years ago, Dr. Baum worked as a senior physician leader in a large community healthcare system where he directed a medical-surgical weight management program, community-based clinical research, and a community health program. He has more than 20 years of academic medicine experience, having served as an NIH-funded investigator and co-director of the lipid research laboratory within the division of gastroenterology at the University of Chicago. Later, Dr. Baum served in a similar role at the University of Illinois at Chicago where he led clinical and public health research initiatives directed at obesity treatment and prevention.

Dr. Baum received a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Chicago, where he also earned his medical degree and a master's degree in nutrition. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine at the New England Medical Center at Tufts University, and a Gastroenterology and Clinical Nutrition Fellowship at the University of Chicago.

**Michael F. Roizen, M.D.**  
**Chair, Cleveland Clinic Wellness Institute**  
**Chief Wellness Officer, The Cleveland Clinic**

Dr. Michael Roizen is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Williams College and Alpha Omega Alpha graduate of the University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine. He performed his residency in internal medicine at Harvard's Beth Israel Hospital and completed a tour of duty in the Public Health Service at the National Institutes of Health. He is certified by both the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Anesthesiology. He has authored over 175 peer reviewed publications as well as four medical textbooks, served 16 years on FDA advisory committees (including as a chair) and served as an editor for six medical journals.

Dr. Roizen has founded twelve companies, co-invented a drug approved by the FDA, and published a series of highly popular #1 New York Times bestsellers: YOU: The Owner's Manual, YOU: On A Diet, and YOU: Staying Young, as well as the #2 bestselling YOU: The Smart Patient, all co-authored with Dr. Mehmet Oz. He has authored a new book, due out in Spring 2015, titled: This Is Your Do-Over: The Seven Secrets to Losing Weight, Living Longer, and Getting A Second Chance at the Life You Want (Scribner). Dr. Roizen co-founded RealAge Inc. and his first general-audience book, RealAge: Are You as Young as You Can Be? became a New York Times #1 bestseller and was awarded the Best Wellness Book of 1999 by the Books for a Better Life Awards. In 2007, Dr. Roizen was named Chief Wellness Officer at Cleveland Clinic, the first such position in a major healthcare institution in the United States. Dr. Roizen also serves as Chairman of the Wellness Institute at Cleveland Clinic.

**Derek J. Robinson, M.D., M.B.A., F.A.C.E.P.**  
**Vice President - Enterprise Quality and Accreditation**  
**Health Care Service Corporation**

Dr. Derek J. Robinson is Vice President - Enterprise Quality and Accreditation at Health Care Service Corporation (HCSC). Dr. Robinson joined HCSC in November of 2014 and works in the Office of the Chief Medical Officer, where he is charged with leading the company's quality improvement and accreditation strategy. HCSC is the nation's largest customer-owned health insurer, serving more than 14.5 million members, and is the fourth largest overall. HCSC operates Blue Cross Blue Shield plans in IL, TX, OK, NM, and MT.

Prior to HCSC, Dr. Robinson was a member of the executive leadership team at the Illinois Hospital Association (IHA) where he served as Executive Director of the Institute for Innovations in Care and Quality. Dr. Robinson is the former Chief Medical Officer for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Chicago Regional Office. He is a diplomat of the American Board of Emergency Medicine and the American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians.

He earned a bachelor of science degree in biology from Xavier University of Louisiana and a medical degree from Howard University College of Medicine. He completed his residency training in emergency medicine at the University of Chicago and is a graduate of the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business. He holds an appointment as adjunct assistant professor of emergency medicine in the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University. Dr. Robinson remains clinically active in community emergency medicine and has been recognized by the American College of Emergency Physicians as a "Hero in Emergency Medicine."

## Panel 2

**Tom Wroth MD, MPH**  
**Chief Medical Officer**  
**Community Care of North Carolina**

Dr. Wroth is SVP and Chief Medical Officer for Community Care of North Carolina where he oversees clinical programs. CCNC is a public-private partnership that manages North Carolina's Medicaid population through provider-led, community based medical home networks. Dr. Wroth practices as a family physician in a Federally Qualified Health Center where he cares for patients from cradle to grave. He is the former chief medical officer of Piedmont Health, a system of seven FQHCs and two PACE sites, and has also been on faculty in the department of family medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Wroth has developed curriculum for residents in quality improvement and chronic disease management and has teaching experience with medical students in epidemiology, the family medicine clerkship, and the new models of care selective. Dr. Wroth trained in Family Medicine and Preventive Medicine at UNC Chapel Hill. He attended medical school at Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons.

**Steve Hill**  
**Chief of Staff**  
**Office of Oklahoma City Mayor**

Steve Hill has been the Chief of Staff to Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett since 2010. He currently serves as a board member on the Oklahoma City Arts Commission, the Oklahoma City Zoo Trust, the Central Oklahoma Parking and Transit Authority and the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum Board of Trustees. He is a member of the Project for Municipal Innovation at Harvard University and on the advisory board of the Wayman Tisdale College Basketball Freshman of the Year Award and the President's Council of Advisors for the University of Central Oklahoma.

Prior to joining the City of Oklahoma City, Hill worked as an award-winning print and broadcast journalist; Director of Public Relations at two Dallas-based public relations firms; led internal communications efforts for JCPenney's 200,000 employees; and

served as Press Secretary to former Okla. Gov. David Walters. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma.

**Stacey Tuck, M.S.**

**Program Director, B'more Fit for Healthy Babies Program**

**Baltimore City Health Department, Bureau of Maternal and Child Health**

Stacey Tuck works for the Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) as the Director of the B'more Fit for Healthy Babies program, a joint venture with the Family League of Baltimore. Mrs. Tuck is humbled and excited to see the health improvements that program participants are making in this weight loss and fitness intervention. She has close to 20 years of Maternal and Child Health experience in program development and monitoring, health education/promotion, and fiscal administration. Mrs. Tuck has raised or managed approximately 15 million dollars in program funds, assisted in the development of the original ABCs of Safe Sleep campaign, and presented program findings at national conferences. Mrs. Tuck earned her Master of Health Sciences from Towson University in 2002 and a Bachelor's degree in communication sciences from Northwestern University.