Heightening Public Acceptance of COVID-Defeating Vaccines

Speaker Biographies

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.

Sree Chaguturu, M.D.
Chief Medical Officer
CVS Caremark

Sree Chaguturu, M.D. is Chief Medical Officer of CVS Caremark, where he focuses on enhancing the quality of services provided to millions of its members and patients, while also contributing to the overall mission of CVS Health. He most recently was Chief Population Health Officer at Partners HealthCare. In this role, he led the system’s accountable care organization, one of the largest in the nation serving over 600,000 lives. Previously, he was a health care consultant at McKinsey and Company.

Dr. Chaguturu is also a practicing internal medicine physician at Massachusetts General Hospital and a Lecturer at Harvard Medical School. His articles have appeared in publications such as the New England Journal of Medicine, JAMA, and Health Affairs.
Dr. Chaguturu received his BA degree in biology from Brown University and his doctorate of medicine degree from Brown University Medical School. He completed his internal medicine and primary care training at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Nanette Cocero, Ph.D.
Global President Vaccines
Pfizer

Nanette Cocero is the Global President of Pfizer Vaccines. In her role, Nanette oversees an international business and is responsible for the development and delivery of innovative vaccines that address serious and life-threatening conditions, helping to protect communities around the world.

Nanette leads a global team of 1,500 colleagues and manages a diverse vaccines portfolio aimed at protecting lives at all stages, from infants to older adults. She and her team also partner with governments, civic organizations, and others in the biopharmaceutical industry to accelerate global public health progress. She is Chair of the International Federation of Pharmaceuticals and Manufacturers Association (IFPMA) Vaccine CEO Steering Committee, advocating for policies and practices that will enable greater access and affordability to vaccines in low and middle-income countries.

Prior to her current position, Nanette was Regional President, Emerging Markets, for Pfizer’s Innovative Health business. In this role, she led business operations in over 100 countries across Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia, spanning Pfizer’s core therapeutic areas including vaccines, oncology, inflammation and immunology, internal medicine and rare disease. During her 15+ year tenure at Pfizer, Nanette has held numerous leadership positions in both developed and emerging markets, driving continuous growth for the businesses she managed and bringing novel medicines and access solutions to patients.

Before joining Pfizer, Nanette worked for 10 years as a management consultant and served as a Research Fellow for the University of Pennsylvania, Department of Pharmacology. Nanette earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from Cornell University; a Ph.D. in pharmacology from the University of Pennsylvania, and an MBA from The Wharton Business School. She has lived and worked in the continental United States, Puerto Rico, and Spain and she is bilingual in English and Spanish.

Richard Ashworth, PharmD
President and CEO
Tivity Health

Richard Ashworth has spent his career focused on improving the health and well-being of others, with a passion for making a difference in the lives of customers and members. As a pharmacist, Ashworth has a keen understanding of the many factors that influence health, including social determinants, adherence to treatment and a healthy lifestyle. His experience includes navigating a rapidly changing healthcare landscape while serving a
portfolio of large customers and individual consumers in the intensely competitive retail realm.

Richard Ashworth joined Tivity Health as President and CEO, and as a member of the Board of Directors, in June 2020. Previously, Ashworth facilitated the growth of Walgreens for nearly 30 years, transforming the company into a global leader in pharmacy and health and wellness. He started at Walgreens as a store clerk in 1992, and most recently served as President, responsible for the leadership, development and management of all Walgreens operations.

Ashworth is an influential voice in public health policy and the future of healthcare and has shared his views at the White House and on Capitol Hill. He also served on the NACDS board for the last four years, formerly as Chairman.

Ashworth earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree (PharmD) and a master’s degree in business administration (MBA).