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SPEAKER BIOS



George Barrett, MBA, BS, Former Chairman & CEO of Cardinal Health

George Barrett is a healthcare industry leader, educator, and speaker on leadership, with a distinguished career as a business executive of global corporations. He served as chairman and CEO of Cardinal Health, a multinational healthcare services and products company, from 2009-2017, when he became executive chairman of the board until November 2018. He was recognized multiple times as a Top CEO on Glass Door and the All-American Executive Team, Institutional Investor's annual ranking of U.S.

corporate leaders. Prior to Cardinal Health, Barrett was president and CEO of Teva Pharmaceutical's North American business and corporate executive vice president for global pharmaceuticals. Barrett sits on the boards of major companies and organizations, including: Target Corporation; Resilience, a first-of-its kind biopharmaceutical manufacturing and technology company; Olive, a healthcare-focused artificial intelligence company; and Nationwide Children's Hospital. He serves on the Advisory Board of InStride, a public benefit corporation that provides workforce education, on the National Academy of Medicine's President's Advisory Council for Healthy Longevity and is Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Conference Board. A lifelong musician and performer, he is a trustee of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Barrett served as Chair of the Healthcare Leadership Council and as Chair of the Association for Accessible Medicines, formerly the Generic Pharmaceutical Industry Association. He was a member of President Obama's White House Business Council and a director of the Fourth District of the Federal Reserve Bank. He is a Trustee Emeritus of Brown University, and currently serves on the board of Brown's Watson Institute and Brown University's Committee of the Warren Alpert Medical School. Barrett is a Visiting Professor of Practice and Senior Fellow at New York University's Stern School of Business, Adjunct Assistant Faculty at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, and a frequent lecturer at other leading universities. Barrett earned his bachelor's degree from Brown University with a dual concentration in history and music, and an MBA from New York University. He holds multiple honorary doctorates and is the recipient of numerous honors for a life dedicated to statesmanship and community service.



Donald Berwick, MD, MPP, Senior Fellow, Institute for Healthcare Improvement

Donald M. Berwick, MD, MPP, FRCP, KBE, is President Emeritus and Senior Fellow at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), an organization he co-founded and led as President and CEO for 19 years. He is one of the nation's leading authorities on health care quality and improvement. In July, 2010, President Obama appointed Dr. Berwick to the position of Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), which he held until December, 2011. A pediatrician by background, Dr.

Berwick has served as Clinical Professor of Pediatrics and Health Care Policy at the Harvard Medical School, Professor of Health Policy and Management at the Harvard School of Public Health, and as a member of the staffs of Boston's Children's Hospital Medical Center, Massachusetts General Hospital, and the Brigham and Women's Hospital. He has also served as vice chair of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, the first "Independent Member" of the Board of Trustees of the American Hospital Association, and chair of the National Advisory Council of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. He is an elected member of the American Philosophical Society, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the National Academy of Medicine (formerly the Institute of Medicine). Dr. Berwick served two terms on the IOM's governing Council, was a member of the IOM's Global Health Board, and currently chairs the NAM Board on Health Care Services. He served on President Clinton's Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Healthcare Industry. His numerous awards include the 2007 William B. Graham Prize for Health Services Research, the 2006 John M. Eisenberg Patient Safety and Quality Award, and the 2007 Heinz Award for Public Policy. In 2005, he was appointed Honourary Knight Commander of the British Empire by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the highest honor in the UK for non-UK citizens. He is the author or co-author of over 200 scientific articles and six books. He also serves now as Lecturer in the Department of Health Care Policy at Harvard Medical School.



Victor Dzau, MD, President, National Academy of Medicine

Victor J. Dzau, M.D., is the President of the National Academy of Medicine (NAM), formerly the Institute of Medicine (IOM). In addition, he serves as Vice Chair of the National Research Council. Dr. Dzau is Chancellor Emeritus and James B. Duke Professor of Medicine at Duke University and the past President and CEO of the Duke University Health System. He is an internationally acclaimed leader and scientist whose work has improved health care in the United States and globally. His seminal work in cardiovascular medicine and genetics laid the

foundation for the development of the class of lifesaving drugs known as ACE inhibitors, used globally to treat hypertension and heart failure. Dr. Dzau pioneered gene therapy for vascular

disease and was the first to introduce DNA decoy molecules to block transcriptions in humans in vivo. His pioneering research in cardiac regeneration led to the Paracrine Hypothesis of stem cell action and his recent strategy of direct cardiac reprogramming using microRNA. He maintains an active NIH-funded research laboratory. Since arriving at the National Academies, Dr. Dzau has designed and led important initiatives such as the Commission on a Global Health Risk Framework for the Future; the Human Genome Editing Initiative; and Vital Directions for Health and Health Care. The launch of the NAM Grand Challenge for Healthy Longevity represents his vision to inspire across disciplines and sectors to coalesce around a shared priority and audacious goal to advance health.



Michelle Hood, MHA, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, American Hospital Association

Michelle Hood is Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the American Hospital Association. In this capacity, Ms. Hood is responsible for the overall strategic direction of the association. Her leadership of the evolution of AHA's strategy advances an agenda for innovation and transformation, which synthesizes public policy, field engagement and innovation, and provides increased value to members. Her responsibilities include oversight for clinical leadership and performance improvement, field engagement, enterprise services and innovative partnerships. Additionally, she works to integrate all areas of the association into the AHA's advocacy agenda and public policy initiatives. Previously, Ms. Hood served as President and CEO of Northern Light Health, Brewer, Maine. Northern Light is a \$1.8 B integrated healthcare delivery system providing services across the entire state of Maine. Over her 14 year tenure in this position, she oversaw significant organic growth of the system as well as the addition of three hospitals, four skilled facilities, a home care agency, residential hospice services and numerous ground/air ambulance units to the portfolio. In this role, she focused on health care policy and design models at the state and national levels, positioning the system to be successful in a rapidly changing health care environment. Ms. Hood received a Bachelor of Science degree from Purdue University and a Master of Health Care Administration degree from Georgia State University. Prior to her position in Maine, she served as the President and CEO of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health Systems, Montana Region, as well as President and CEO of the Region's flagship hospital, St. Vincent Healthcare. Before coming to the AHA, she had served on the Association's Board of Trustees and Executive Committee. She is a past chair of the Maine Hospital Association board and is or has been on several community and national boards, including service as chairs of both the University Of Maine System Board Of Trustees and the Vizient New England Board. Ms. Hood is a seasoned executive dedicated to the transformation of the health care delivery and financing models, at both the national and local level. She brings her experience in academic, national faith-based and rural health care integrated systems to the challenges of today's rapidly changing environment.



Rachel L. Levine, MD, Admiral, U.S. Public Health Service, and Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Admiral Rachel L. Levine serves as the 17th Assistant Secretary for Health for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the head of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. She fights every day to improve the health and well-being of all Americans. She's working to help our nation overcome the COVID-19 pandemic and build a stronger foundation for a healthier future - one in which every American can attain their full health potential. ADM Levine's storied career, first, as a physician in academic medicine

focused on the intersection between mental and physical health, treating children, adolescents, and young adults. Then as Pennsylvania's Physician General and later as Pennsylvania's Secretary of Health, she addressed COVID-19, the opioid crisis, behavioral health and other public health challenges.



Dr. Maria Neira, Director, Department of Environment, Climate Change and Health, World Health Organization

Maria P. Neira has been directing the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Health at the World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland since September 2005. Throughout her tenure and up until now she has led and advised on policy and management in key areas of environmental health. Prior to that she served as Under-Secretary of Health and President of the Spanish Food Safety Agency. From 1993-1998 she was Coordinator of the Global Task Force on Cholera Control.

Dr Neira began her career as a medical coordinator working with refugees in El Salvador and Honduras for Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders). She then spent several years working in different African countries during armed conflicts. Born in the city of Oviedo, Asturias, Dr Neira is a Spanish national, a medical doctor by training and specialized in Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases; and Public Health.

Among many distinctions, she has been awarded the Médaille de l'Ordre national du Mérite by the Government of France and received an "Extraordinary Woman" award by HM Queen Letizia of Spain. In early 2019, she was nominated among the top 100 policy influencers in health and climate change.



**David J. Skorton, MD, President and Chief Executive Officer,
Association of American Medical Colleges**

David J. Skorton, MD, a cardiologist, is president and CEO of the Association of American Medical Colleges, a not-for-profit institution that represents the nation's medical schools, teaching hospitals and health systems, and academic societies. Previously, he was the 13th secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, president of Cornell University and president of the University of Iowa. He has published hundreds of original research papers, opinion pieces, blogs, public policy reports, and book chapters, and edited two major texts in cardiology. He earned his BA from Northwestern University and his MD from Northwestern University Feinberg.



**Greg L. Smith, Executive Vice President, Global Operations and
Supply Chain, Medtronic**

Greg Smith is Executive Vice President, Global Operations and Supply Chain at Medtronic. He is responsible for the performance and integration of all aspects of the company's operations including Manufacturing, Supply Chain, Supply Management, Operational Excellence and Transformation, Enterprise Risk and Facilities, and Operations Quality. Before joining Medtronic in April 2021, Greg was the Executive Vice President of U.S. Supply Chain at Walmart, one of the world's largest and most complex supply chains. Greg transformed Walmart's supply chain to be best-in-class, developing and implementing a comprehensive strategy that drove sales, achieved operational excellence, reduced costs and created an engaging, enabling and empowering work environment. Greg is deeply committed to diversity, equality, and the belief that a diverse workplace where everyone feels included results in stronger teams and the highest level of service to our patients, customers and employees. He was recognized as a 2020 Diversity Leader by Diversity Journal ([opens new window](#)). Before joining Walmart, Greg was Senior Vice President, Global Operations at The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, responsible for 52 manufacturing facilities across four business units around the world. He successfully led the company's global optimization program and implemented an enterprise manufacturing operating system, a global procurement program and an enterprise planning and logistics approach. With more than 30 years of supply chain and operations experience, Greg has transformed manufacturing, procurement and logistics programs at companies like Goodyear, ConAgra Foods, United Signature Foods, VDK Frozen Foods and Quaker Oats. Greg earned his bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Tennessee –

Knoxville. He currently serves on the Global Supply Chain and College of Business advisory boards at the University of Tennessee, School of Medicine. He completed his medical residency and fellowship in cardiology at the University of California, Los Angeles.



Dr. Nick Watts MBBS, MA, BMedSci, FFPH, Chief Sustainability Officer, NHS England

Dr Watts is the Chief Sustainability Officer of the NHS, responsible for its commitment to deliver a world-class net zero emission health service. Based in London, he leads the Greener NHS team across the country, which focuses on improving the health of patients and the public through a robust and accelerated response to climate change and the broader sustainability agenda.

Nick is a medical doctor licensed in Australia and the UK, and a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians' Faculty of Public Health.

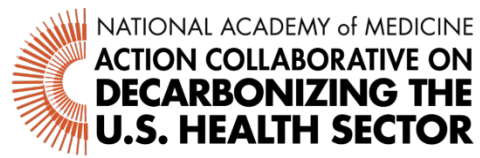
Prior to the National Health Service, Nick worked internationally as the Executive Director of the Lancet Countdown and the Lancet Commission on Health and Climate Change, a collaboration of UN agencies and academic centres across the world. He has also focused on engaging the health profession on the links between public health and climate change, having founded both the Global Climate and Health Alliance and the UK Health Alliance on Climate Change.



Andrew Witty, Chief Executive Officer, UnitedHealth Group and Chief Executive Officer, Optum

Sir Andrew Witty was named chief executive officer of UnitedHealth Group in February 2021, in addition to his role as chief executive officer of Optum. As UnitedHealth Group CEO, Sir Andrew is responsible for the strategic direction and overall performance of the enterprise and its long-term growth agenda. He is also a member of the UnitedHealth

Group board of directors. Witty was named executive vice president of UnitedHealth Group, and chief executive officer of Optum, in March 2018 and previously served as a UnitedHealth Group company director. From 2008 to 2017, Witty was chief executive officer and a director of the leading pharmaceutical manufacturer GlaxoSmithKline plc (GSK). He joined GSK in 1985, and prior to being named CEO, served as president of GSK Europe. Witty is former chancellor of the University of Nottingham, a British public research university, and serves on the Singapore Prime Minister's Research, Innovation and Enterprise Council. Witty became Chair, Imperial College Business School Advisory Board in November 2020. Between April and December 2020 Witty



took an unpaid leave as Special Envoy at the World Health Organization, co-leading the effort to accelerate responses to COVID-19. Witty was knighted in 2012 for services to the U.K. economy. In 2017, he was named an Honorary Citizen by Singapore for his contributions to the country's growth and development. He holds Honorary Degrees from Exeter, Manchester and Nottingham Universities.