



*Shantanu Agrawal, M.D., M.Phil., will have an exclusive chat with Jerry Penso, M.D., M.B.A., at AMGA's IQL22 Conference.*

# A Right to Health

***IQL22 spotlight: Shantanu Agrawal, M.D., M.Phil., Elevance Health's Chief Health Officer***

**O**n Friday, Sept. 30, 2022, AMGA's 2022 Innovation, Quality & Leadership Conference (IQL22), our President and Chief Executive Officer Jerry Penso, M.D., M.B.A., will have a fireside chat with Shantanu Agrawal, M.D., M.Phil., chief health officer, Elevance Health. The past two years have exposed cracks in the foundation of how health care is delivered but have also presented an opportunity for healthcare leaders to respond to the most pressing issues facing patients across the country. In the chat, Drs. Penso and Agrawal will discuss leadership priorities that must be addressed to achieve the necessary changes in health care.

In his position at Elevance Health, Dr. Agrawal oversees the enterprise whole health strategy, including medical policy and clinical quality, as well as the organization's industry-leading

work to address health-related social needs and health equity.

Passionate about improving health outcomes and reducing disparities, he draws on his clinical and business expertise to push for a more equitable health space for the people Elevance Health serves. Through Elevance Health's Whole Health Index, Dr. Agrawal is leading efforts to measure the organization's impact on health outcomes. Accordingly, he also leads Elevance Health's community health strategy and the Elevance Health Foundation, the organization's philanthropic arm.

Health equity is personal to Dr. Agrawal. He believes that everyone deserves the right to be as healthy as possible. Under his guidance, the Foundation is continuing to build its longstanding and deep presence in local communities while strategically aligning with Elevance Health's focus on community health and health equity and becoming a lifetime, trusted health partner.

Dr. Agrawal is leading the Elevance Health Foundation to align on four key areas of focus for the next three years: maternal and child health, substance use disorder, food as medicine, and disaster relief. With a commitment of up to \$90 million under these four pillars, the Foundation will help fund programs across the country that will help improve critical health and health equity challenges in communities today.

Through Dr. Agrawal's vision of redefining the Foundation's goals, it has already committed more than \$14 million in maternal and child health and \$13 million in substance use disorder programs. Maternal and child health grants will put an emphasis on reducing preterm birth rates, reducing maternal morbidity and mortality, and reducing primary cesarean rates—and 90% of grant beneficiaries will be women of color. The Foundation will also promote equity in mental health and well-being of communities with an emphasis on substance use disorders.

Outside of Elevance Health, Dr. Agrawal serves on the Board of Directors for both the Healthcare Leadership Council and the Pharmacy Quality Alliance, as well as the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (BCBSA) Clinical Advisory Subcommittee of the Board. He is on the editorial board of the *New England Journal of Medicine Catalyst: Innovations in Care Delivery*, and a member of the National Academy of Medicine Leadership Consortium. Dr. Agrawal is also a member of the Brown University Corporation Committee on Medical and Health Affairs and serves on the Chief Medical Officers Committee at America's Health Insurance Plans. [ahip.org](https://www.ahip.org)

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