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Dr. Kyu ("Q") Rhee serves as Senior Scholar at Stanford University School of Medicine. Previously, he was Senior Vice President and Aetna Chief Medical Officer at CVS Health. He and his team lead the integration and delivery of clinical and population health solutions. He is grateful to have worked for a health care innovation company with a simple and clear purpose: "to bring our heart to every moment of your health" from the community to the home to the palm of your hand.

Prior to CVS Health, Dr. Rhee was the Chief Health Officer of IBM for a decade. He and his team had global responsibilities for IBM's efforts to transform health through the use of data, analytics, artificial intelligence, and services for hospitals, health systems, providers, health plans, employers, governments, and life science companies across the world. He was accountable for the health and safety of the global workforce, innovating health plan design for billions of global healthcare spending, and assuring a culture of health and performance.

Prior to joining IBM, Dr. Rhee was Chief Public Health Officer at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), which is the primary federal agency for improving access to health care services for people who are uninsured, isolated, or medically vulnerable. Dr. Rhee also served as Director of the Office of Innovation and Program Coordination at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), which is the primary federal agency for research. While at HRSA and NIH, he served on and led numerous initiatives related to prevention, health care quality, research, health equity and public health.

Prior to his public service, he worked as a National Health Service Corps primary care physician and Chief Medical Officer in community health settings in Washington, DC and Baltimore. During that time, he taught at the George Washington University School of Public Health, where he received a "Best Teacher" award for his classes in Community Health Leadership and Health Disparities.

Dr. Rhee performed his medical residency training in both internal medicine and pediatrics at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles and acquired dual-board certification. He obtained his medical degree from the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California. Dr. Rhee also holds a master's degree in Healthcare Policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. He acquired his Bachelor in Science degree from Yale University in Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry, where he also served as President of the study body.