

WOMEN OF INFLUENCE: HEALTH CARE



THERE ARE SOME PARTICULARLY STELLAR HEALTH INDUSTRY STEWARDS IN THE LA REGION WHO HAPPEN TO BE women and we've alphabetically listed some of the best of them here, along with key details and information about their careers, recent successes and stand-out moments they've achieved.

The health care leaders listed in these pages were chosen by the Los Angeles Business Journal to be recognized for exceptional stewardship and achievement across the full spectrum of responsibility, exemplary leadership, the highest professional and ethical standards, and for contributions to the health and wellbeing of the Los Angeles community at large.

Methodology: The professionals featured in these pages did not pay to be included. Their profiles were drawn from nomination materials submitted to the Los Angeles Business Journal. Those selected for inclusion were reviewed by the editorial department. The professionals were chosen based on a demonstration of impact made on the profession and on the Los Angeles community.

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WAFAA ALRASHID
*Chief of Medical Staff
Huntington Health*

Wafaa Alrashid, MD was raised by her Iraqi father and Egyptian mother in Utah and knew at a young age that she wanted to be a doctor. She completed her residency at Huntington Hospital in 2007, became chief resident, then joined the Academic Hospitalist Medical Group (now Huntington Aligned Medical Group). She was a hospitalist for over eight years, and in 2015 she opened her practice at Huntington's Pasadena-Congress office.

For over a decade, Dr. Alrashid has been on the faculty of Huntington's Internal Medicine Residency Program, and in 2023, she became the program's director. In January 2025, she was elected chief of medical staff for Huntington Hospital, leading a medical staff of more than 1,000 physicians who serve the San Gabriel Valley.



KAVITHA REDDY BHATIA
*President and Chair, Prime Healthcare Foundation; Chief Medical Officer of Strategy
Prime Healthcare*

As the chief medical officer of strategy for Prime Healthcare, Kavitha Bhatia, MD, MMM, FAAP, FACHE prioritizes systemwide value creation and implements strategic initiatives ensuring health equity and Prime's continued operational and clinical success. Dr. Bhatia established an innovative partnership with Steer Health, a technology company that uses AI to drive growth and improve patient experience. The partnership has resulted in improved volume, revenue, streamlined workflows and expanded patient offerings.

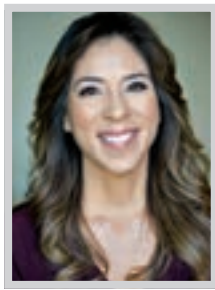
As president and chair of Prime Healthcare Foundation, Dr. Bhatia has facilitated unprecedented scale with revenue and assets both exceeding \$1 billion and the provision of more than \$2 billion in charity care.



LOREN ANN CARINO
*Nurse Practitioner, Transplant Surgery
Cedars-Sinai*

Loren Carino is a nurse practitioner at Cedars-Sinai who is focused on transplant surgery procedures. She has over 15 years of nursing experience working multiple in-patient care levels in academic medical centers. She is a board certified adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner, and specializes in surgical critical care and liver transplant.

Having built a reputation among colleagues, patients and loved ones as a compassionate nurse practitioner, Carino is thorough and dedicated in her care of post-transplant patients and excels at explaining options or courses of treatment in a clear and understanding manner. Carino achieved her nursing degree at California State University - Dominguez Hills and earned her Master of Science in Nursing degree (as an AG-acute care nurse practitioner) from Columbia University.



CHRISTINE CARON
*Director, Rehabilitation Center
Luskin Orthopaedic Institute for Children*

Christine Caron PT, DPT, PCS is the head of the therapy department at Luskin Orthopaedic Institute for Children (LuskinOIC) and a dedicated physical therapist with 31 years of experience. She earned her physical therapy degree from California State University, Northridge in 1994 and later obtained a Doctorate in Physical Therapy from the University of St. Augustine, where she also achieved board certification as a pediatric certified specialist.

Since joining LuskinOIC in early 2019, Caron has worked to expand therapy services, enhance education and mentorship programs, and strengthen therapy's role in research. She also started – and is currently running – the only cerebral palsy focused camp in Southern California. Annually, she trains physical therapists in Mexico.



DEBORAH FERRINGTON
*Chief Scientific Officer
Doheny Eye Institute*

With more than 20 years of experience in academic research, Deborah Ferrington, PhD, is globally recognized for her groundbreaking research on age-related macular degeneration (AMD), the leading cause of blindness among the elderly. As Doheny Eye Institute's chief scientific officer (CSO) and the Stephen J. Ryan – Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation Endowed Presidential Chair, she guides the scientific community of Doheny in its mission to further the field of vision research.

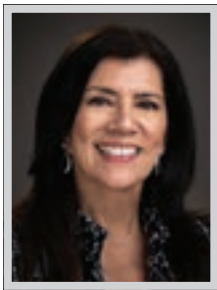
With limited and largely ineffective treatment options available to most AMD patients, there is an urgent need for new therapeutic strategies, which is the focus of Dr. Ferrington's research. Her research offers new insights and is expanding the boundaries of what we understand about eye diseases.



EVE GLAZIER
*President, Faculty Practice Group, UCLA Health; Health Sciences Professor of Medicine, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
UCLA Health*

Eve Glazier, MD, MBA has served as president of the UCLA Health Faculty Practice Group (FPG) since August 2017. As the top executive leader of the FPG, she oversees all aspects of business solutions and administrative functions for physician support services, managed care contracting and the Office of Population Health and Accountable Care at one of the largest academic health systems in the world.

In the fall of 2024, Dr. Glazier helped to launch UCLA Health's first-ever Medicare Advantage Plan. It provides eligible individuals comprehensive health care coverage and convenient access to care supported by one of the nation's leading health systems.



MARISSA GOLDBERG
*CEO
Doheny Eye Institute*

Over her more than 30-year career at Doheny Eye Institute, Marissa Goldberg continues to be a driving force in vision research. She supports a stellar team of world-class scientists, always working to continue Doheny's mission to further the conservation, improvement and restoration of human eyesight.

Goldberg builds on her innate understanding of the framework needed to support scientific research at the world-class level and uses her business acumen to strengthen Doheny's reputation, fundraising efforts and partnerships to drive further success. Her success in building Doheny's reputation attracts top vision scientists from around the world. She also works to secure large endowments and facilitate the process to connect scientists with grants to fund the important work at Doheny.



IKRAM GUERD
*Chief Marketing Officer;
General Manager US
Aspivix*

With over 20 years of international experience in healthcare, Ikram Guerd has a track record of building and leading successful marketing teams in large corporations, managing product lifecycles, and crafting impactful business and marketing strategies. Currently, Guerd leads Aspivix as the chief marketing officer and general manager US, with a strategy centered around raising awareness of innovative solutions towards reducing pain for women and advancing gynecological care in the US.

Since joining the company in 2023, Guerd has spearheaded a transformative marketing strategy to raise awareness of Carevix, a groundbreaking device designed to reduce pain during gynecological procedures such as IUD insertion. She is also sought-after speaker at conferences and workshops.



BETSY HART
*Hospital President & CEO
Dignity Health - Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center*

Before becoming president and CEO of Glendale Memorial Hospital & Health Center, Betsy Hart served as chief operating officer at Northridge Hospital Medical Center. In this role, she led operational responses during the COVID-19 pandemic and oversaw key construction projects, including the expansion of the emergency department and the establishment of a new urgent care center. Hart also played a crucial role in strategic planning and decision-making across all service lines, with a strong focus on ambulatory growth to meet the evolving needs of the community while maintaining financial sustainability.

Hart is an active member of both the Hospital Association of Southern California and the American College of Healthcare Executives.



CHI HUYNH
*Partner
Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP*

Chi Huynh is a partner in Sheppard Mullin's Healthcare industry team and represents Fortune 500, middle market and start-up companies, specializing in healthcare transactions and compliance matters, mergers and acquisitions and corporate governance matters. She also advises clients on complex healthcare-related regulatory issues, including information privacy, corporate practice of medicine, anti-kickback and federal Stark issues.

Huynh joined Sheppard Mullin in 2015, bringing her extensive in-house experience as associate general counsel at IPC Healthcare, Inc. As the principal transactions attorney, she managed a team of in-house attorneys and paralegals in the successful negotiation, documentation and closing of more than 35 acquisitions across multiple states.



Congratulations

Johnese Spisso, MPA

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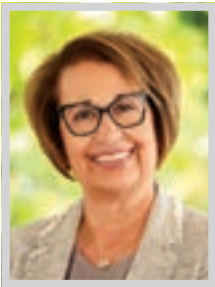
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UCLA Health family and the communities that it serves
throughout Southern California and the world.

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ALICE ISSAI

President
Adventist Health Glendale and
Simi Valley Service Area

Alice Issai joined Adventist Health Glendale in July 2018 with a vision to grow the medical center into a hub for “destination medicine” with world-class services in oncology, cardiovascular medicine, neurosciences, interventional pulmonology, advanced gastroenterology, orthopedics and more. Now, Issai presides over two Southern California hospitals — Adventist Health Glendale, a tertiary medical center, and Adventist Health Simi Valley, an acute care hospital.

In the summer of 2024, Adventist Health placed Issai atop the newly formed Glendale and Simi Valley service area model, integrating operations and leadership at its Glendale and Ventura County campuses. In the months since, she has advanced her vision to enhance operational efficiency at both hospitals.



KELLY JOHNSON

Senior Vice President, Patient Care Services; Chief Nursing Officer
Children’s Hospital Los Angeles

Kelly Johnson, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, joined Children’s Hospital Los Angeles in 2023 as senior vice president of patient care services and chief nursing officer (CNO). Dr. Johnson oversees and provides strategic direction, planning and leadership for disciplines of nursing, advanced practice professionals, patient- and family-centered care, rehabilitation services, patient and family experience, psychology, patient care services education and research, social work, and care coordination.

Dr. Johnson has more than 40 years of nursing and nurse leadership experience, including holding CNO roles at Children’s Hospital Colorado, Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford, and University of California Benioff Children’s Hospitals in Oakland and San Francisco.

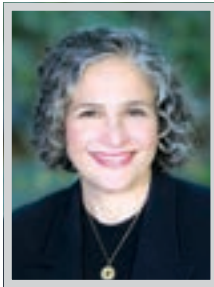


LISA JOHNSON

VP; Chief Quality Officer
USC Arcadia Hospital

Lisa Johnson, DNP, RN, CENP, CPHQ, VP, chief quality officer of USC Arcadia Hospital, is an award-winning professional with progressive leadership experience accelerating quality healthcare. She has a proven track record of leading colleagues in complying with established regulations to drive organizational effectiveness and operational excellence along with staff training and education on patient care.

In her role, Johnson oversees all clinical quality and patient safety activities for the organization. She facilitates the executive, medical and leadership teams in improving patient safety and outcomes and ensures an environment for a culture of compliance, safety, excellence and integrity. Johnson previously served as executive administrator - quality & outcomes management at Keck.



LARA KHOURI

President and Chief Operating Officer
Children’s Hospital Los Angeles

Lara Khouri joined Children’s Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) in 2015 and throughout her career has been a tireless advocate for child health. Under Khouri’s leadership, CHLA has become the market leader in pediatric care in Los Angeles County, marked by a 50% growth in market share since 2015, and market leadership in cancer, heart, neurosciences and orthopedics.

Khouri’s team also developed a novel service line of behavioral health in 2022, coalescing CHLA psychological and therapeutic programs into the Behavioral Health Institute at a time when youth across the country were reeling from the mental health crisis that emerged from the pandemic. Additionally, under Khouri’s leadership, The Saban Research Institute of CHLA expanded to support more than 350 funded scientists and physician scientists.



VICKIE KROPENSKE

Director
Hope Street Margolis Family Center

Hope Street Margolis Family Center is a community benefit program of Dignity Health - California Hospital Medical Center (CHMC), dedicated to supporting vulnerable children and families.

Since its inception in 1992, Vickie Kropenske has served as the director, bringing over thirty years of experience in managing and directing interdisciplinary demonstration, research and training projects focused on the needs of at-risk populations. She leads a multi-disciplinary team that includes social workers, home visitors, mental health professionals, healthcare providers and child development experts. Under Kropenske’s leadership, Hope Street has grown significantly, expanding its services to meet the evolving needs of the community.

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Chief Executive Officer

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Chief Scientific Officer

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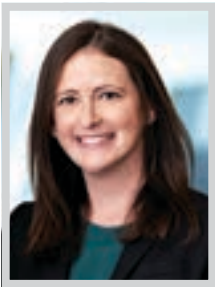
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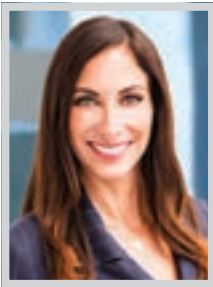


CLAIRE MARBLESTONE

Partner
Foley & Lardner LLP

Claire Marblestone is at the forefront of corporate transactional and health care regulatory matters. Her practice — characterized by a keen focus on data privacy, the corporate practice of medicine, health care mergers and acquisitions, and joint ventures — has positioned her as a pivotal figure in the legal landscape. Dedicated to the health care sector, Marblestone advises hospitals, health systems, physician groups, digital health providers and health care businesses on a spectrum of regulatory and compliance issues.

Marblestone assists clients with state licensure regulatory compliance issues and ensures adherence to Medicare and Medicaid rules and regulations. A significant aspect of her practice is a specialization in women’s health care — she routinely provides counsel to companies specializing in the sector.



TORREY McCLARY

Partner
Ropes & Gray

Torrey McClary has structured and negotiated some of the most prominent and complex health system deals in the country. She focuses on transformational projects for California and western region clients in addition to her broader national practice, advising academic medical centers, nonprofit and for-profit hospitals and health systems in highly-regulated mergers, acquisitions and other transactions.

McClary is a founding partner of Ropes & Gray’s Los Angeles office. Since 2022, she has grown the firm’s existing top-tier health care platform and expanded the legal team to support California-based and national clients on deals, regulatory issues and other legal matters. McClary advised one of the largest health care transactions of the past decade with Atrium Health’s \$30 billion strategic combination with Advocate Aurora Health.



LYNSEY MITCHEL

Partner
Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP

Lynsey Mitchel is a partner in Sheppard Mullin’s healthcare industry team and a leader of the health plan practice. Mitchel’s practice is multifaceted, representing both providers and insurers, from large health systems and physician groups to payors, managed care organizations, ACOs and pharmacies. She is the go-to California attorney for the managed care sector.

Mitchel has assisted numerous clients to obtain HMO licensure as healthcare service plans under California’s Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act. She has worked on HMO licensure and other matters for Medicare Advantage, commercial and Medicaid health plans. She also assists health plans with regulatory compliance matters, material modifications, growth strategies, acquisitions and training.

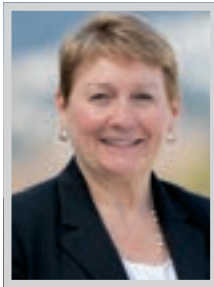


CLAUDIA MUÑOZ

Neurologist; Epileptologist
Emanate Health

Dr. Claudia Muñoz, MD, MPH’s specialty and skills as a neurologist and epileptologist are integral to Emanate Health’s mission to provide compassionate care to its older patients, and in addressing the health needs of more than one million patients across the San Gabriel Valley.

Dr. Muñoz lends her expertise and knowledge to the Emanate Health community by participating in seminars and panels that bring health information directly to them, whether virtually or in person. Her discussions have focused on topics specific to health risks for older patients, such as stroke, dementia, and movement and mobility. In her practice, Dr. Muñoz treats each patient with high-quality care and provides relatable examples and easy-to-understand assessments, ensuring that patients attain knowledge of how to improve their health.



THERESA MURPHY

Chief Nursing Officer
USC Verdugo Hills Hospital

Theresa Murphy, RN, MS, CENP, joined USC Verdugo Hills Hospital (USC-VHH) as the chief nursing officer in 2015. She brings more than 25 years of experience in the health care industry, having spent much of that time at Keck Medicine of USC in various roles with Keck Hospital, USC Norris Cancer Hospital and USC Care. She also spent a year as the assistant CNO at St. Vincent Medical Center prior to her return to USC-VHH.

In addition to clinical practice as a registered nurse, Murphy has served in several hospital and academic organizations. She currently serves as the chair of the Nurse Advisory Council for HASC, and on the CNO advisory committee for the California Hospital Association, among other prominent services roles.

Congratulations to **Alice Issai** on being recognized as one of **2025’s Women of Influence in Healthcare!**

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Alice Issai, President
Adventist Health Glendale and Simi Valley Service Area



Keck Medicine of USC is proud to honor its leaders recognized by the Los Angeles Business Journal as Women of Influence: Health Care. These outstanding individuals work together to advance one goal — providing world-class care sparked by our patients' potential.



Smitha Ravipudi
CEO, USC Care Medical Group
Keck Medicine of USC



Shawn Sheffield
Chief Strategy Officer
Keck Medicine of USC



May Lin Tao
Medical Director, Keck Medicine of
USC + Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital
Cancer Program
Keck Medicine of USC



Lisa Johnson
Vice President and Chief Quality Officer
USC Arcadia Hospital



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Chief Nursing Officer
USC Verdugo Hills Hospital

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SMITHA RAVIPUDI

Chief Executive Officer, USC Care
Keck Medicine of USC

Smitha Ravipudi, MPH, is chief executive officer of USC Care, Keck Medicine's network of nearly 1400 physicians who provide outpatient services and procedures. She is also CEO of Keck Medicine's ambulatory care services. She is responsible for health system operations in regional outpatient locations, hospital-based clinics, Keck School of Medicine department clinics and outpatient joint-venture partnerships and community practices.

Recently, Ravipudi oversaw the creation of the upcoming new 100,000 square-foot medical office complex in Pasadena that will serve the city and surrounding areas beginning in the fall of 2025. This is the largest stand-alone clinic in the health system, and will contain, among other offerings, an outpatient surgery center, an outpatient imaging center, comprehensive oncology care and cardiac care.



SUNITHA REDDY

Chief Revenue Officer;
Vice President of Operations
Prime Healthcare

Sunitha Reddy, MBA, MPH, FACHE is the chief revenue officer and vice president of operations for Prime Healthcare, the fifth largest for-profit health system in the United States. In her leadership role, she drives innovation throughout Prime Healthcare through the planning and directing of its operational and financial strategy and initiatives.

Reddy works closely with local leadership and chief medical officers to strengthen case management departments and streamline hospital clinical workflows. She spearheaded the development of a strategic vendor outsourcing program, the optimization of revenue cycle IT systems, and improved point-of-service collections, yielding a multi-million-dollar bottom-line improvement.



SHAWN SHEFFIELD

Chief Strategy Officer
Keck Medicine of USC

Shawn Sheffield, MBA, MHSA, is a highly regarded health care executive with deep experience in academic medicine, and has led Keck Medicine of USC's clinical growth and expansion efforts for over a decade. Under Sheffield's leadership, the health system's annual revenue has more than tripled, to now over \$3.4 billion.

Sheffield oversees network development, including mergers and acquisitions, strategic partnerships, capital and venture planning and physician alignment strategies. In 2022, Sheffield played a key role in Keck Medicine's acquiring of USC Arcadia Hospital, bringing residents of the San Gabriel Valley greater access to specialized care and breakthrough technology. She has also led the development of the new medical office complex in Pasadena that will serve the city and surrounding areas beginning in the fall of 2025.



JOHNESE SPISSO

President, UCLA Health; CEO,
UCLA Hospital System; Associate Vice
Chancellor, UCLA Health Sciences
UCLA Health

Johnese Spisso is a nationally recognized academic healthcare leader with 40 years of experience in the field. She was recruited to the position of president of UCLA Health, CEO of UCLA Hospital System and associate vice chancellor of UCLA Health Sciences in 2016.

Spisso is responsible for all aspects of UCLA's health system and the regional outreach strategy in the local, state, national and international programs. She also oversees UCLA Health's community partnerships with the Los Angeles Lakers, Chargers, Sparks and others, working to collaboratively improve equitable access to healthcare. Spisso's foundation as a critical-care nurse with a front-line level of knowledge served as a lens for her as she rose in administrative and leadership roles.



SUSI TAKEUCHI

Chief Human Resources Officer
UCLA Health

With over 40 years of experience in human resources, Susi Takeuchi joined UCLA Health in 2015. She provides organizational leadership in the design, development and execution of HR strategies, initiatives and programs across UCLA Health, which encompasses the David Geffen School of Medicine and UCLA Health System (hospitals, clinics, and practice plan).

Takeuchi was instrumental in envisioning and executing a human resources strategic plan – aligned with UCLA Health strategy and business plans – to ensure that HR programs, initiatives and operations are conducive to integration, efficiency and service. Takeuchi also led the development of a comprehensive action plan focused on consistent customer service through service level agreements defined by specific metrics.

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Foley is proud to congratulate our colleague, **Claire Marblestone** on being honored as a 2025 *Woman of Influence in Health Care*.

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MAY LIN TAO

Medical Director, Keck Medicine of USC
and Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital
Cancer Program
Keck Medicine of USC

May Lin Tao, MD, is medical director of the Keck Medicine of USC and Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital Cancer Program, director of clinical operations, Regional Radiation Oncology Clinics, and clinical associate professor of radiation oncology at the Keck School of Medicine of USC. Dr. Tao played a central role in bringing advanced cancer care services to the Santa Clarita Valley. In her role, she also led the launch of the new USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center Radiation Oncology clinic on the Henry Mayo campus. Dr. Tao received her medical degree from the NYU School of Medicine and completed her residency training at the Harvard Joint Center for Radiation Therapy. She is a sought-after speaker on cancer prevention and treatment.



JILL WELTON

Market President, Southern California
Dignity Health

Jill Welton, MSN, RN, was promoted to market president of Dignity Health Southern California in April 2024. Prior to this role, she served as president and CEO of Dignity Health – Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center (GMHHC) since 2018. During her tenure, Welton successfully improved employee engagement and patient experience, leading to significant culture changes with measurable results. At GMHHC, Welton led a leadership team that improved quality outcomes and patient experience scores, earning the hospital its first-ever CMS Five-Star Quality Rating and a Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade A. She began her career as an emergency room nurse, and later transitioned to administrative leadership, where she has continued to make a lasting impact on healthcare delivery.



ALEXIS ZAMARRIPA

Chief Nursing Officer, PIH Health
Downey Hospital
PIH Health

Alexis Zamarripa, MSN, RN, HACCP, began her nursing career at PIH Health Whittier Hospital in 1997 as a bedside nurse, before transitioning to critical care, where she served as assistant clinical director. Zamarripa later took on the role of clinical nurse educator, assisting with the development and implementation of nursing policies, and served as a clinical placement coordinator for college nursing programs in the surrounding community. In April 2024, Zamarripa took on her current role as chief nursing officer at PIH Health Downey Hospital. She brings her nearly three decades of nursing experience, strong clinical background in acute care, passion for education, and regulatory knowledge to advance the care and enhance the safety of the patients and community that PIH Health Downey Hospital serves.

‘The awe of discovering the intricacies of the human body. The honor of being trusted to give advice. The gratitude for helping someone through a difficult illness. These things never grow old.’

— DANIELLE OFRI, MD, PHYSICIAN

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