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AI IN HEALTHCARE
2025 SUMMIT

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8:30 a.m.   Welcome & Agenda Preview

Sarah Giolando-Matlin, OKTO Strategic Advisors

Our opening session sets the stage for the inaugural Cincinnati AI in Healthcare Summit, highlighting the promise of artificial intelligence to transform care delivery, empower clinicians, and strengthen the region's leadership in healthcare innovation.

8:45 a.m.   Principles in Practice: Responsible AI from Lab to Bedside

Kelly Cohen, PhD (Speaker & Moderator), University of Cincinnati
Anthony Faiola, PhD, UC College of Nursing
David E. Fleck, PhD, UC College of Medicine
David Karol, MD, UC College of Medicine

This session explores how responsible AI frameworks are moving from theory to practice — examining the policies, processes, and partnerships that ensure safe, ethical, and equitable development and implementation of AI across clinical and operational settings.

9:30 a.m.   Code of Trust: Reinventing Healthcare Security for the AI Era

Jeff Carr (Moderator), CenterForward Ventures
Steve Brunker, Brain-CA Technologies
Pete Renneker, Deloitte & Touche LLP
Joan Ziegler, Elev8Data

As healthcare systems deploy AI at scale, data protection and cybersecurity take on new urgency. This panel examines how organizations can safeguard patient trust through next-generation security strategies, governance, and transparency.

10:15 a.m.   BREAK

10:30 a.m. Fireside Chat: Building a Governance Model for Healthcare AI

Jamison DeAngelis (Moderator), Innovarist
Eric C. Cook, Keating Muething & Klekamp (KMK Law)
Jesse Jenike-Godshalk, Thomson Hine LLP

Legal and policy experts share insights on how healthcare organizations can develop governance models that ensure accountability, compliance, and risk management as AI becomes embedded in daily decision-making.

11:00 a.m. Precision in Practice: How AI is Changing Medical Imaging

Jamie DeAngelis (Moderator), Innovarist
Kyle Frye, Cortechs.ai
Kendall Huff, ProScan Imaging
Dino Martis, Genexia

From diagnostics to workflow automation, this session showcases how AI-driven imaging tools are enhancing accuracy, efficiency, and clinical insight — reshaping radiology and the patient care experience.

11:45 a.m. Rebooting Healthcare with AI (Lunch Keynote)

Dr. Doug Flora, St. Elizabeth Healthcare

In this visionary keynote, Dr. Flora shares how AI is redefining cancer care and clinical practice — offering a glimpse into the near future of precision medicine, digital twins, and intelligent health systems.

12:45 p.m. Driving Efficiency: How AI is Reshaping Healthcare's Financial Engine

Brad Hill (Moderator), Hill Ventures Consulting Group
Jonathan Adams, Salix Data
Corey Johnson, CareEco
Adam Middleton, Healthcare Advisory Group

This panel examines how AI is transforming healthcare finance — from revenue cycle optimization to predictive modeling — helping organizations reduce waste, improve forecasting, and drive sustainable growth.

1:30 p.m. No Patient Left Behind: Building Equitable AI for Healthcare

Sarah Giolando-Matlin (Moderator), OKTO Strategic Advisors
Salwa Arafa, Cincinnati Children's Hospital
John Cavanaugh, Plunk Foundation
Marcus Lehman, University of Cincinnati

Panelists explore how to ensure AI benefits all populations, addressing issues of bias, access, and inclusion. The discussion highlights real-world initiatives that are making equity central to AI innovation.

2:15 p.m.   Building Cincinnati's Healthcare AI Ecosystem

Rich Hempel (Moderator), SYRV.ai
Carl Fraik, Cincinnati AI Catalyst
Dave Knox, Blue North
Matt Wortman, Cincinnati Children's Hospital
Eileen Yeoh, Cincinnati Healthcare Professionals Network

This discussion highlights Cincinnati's growing healthcare AI ecosystem — bringing together leaders across regional entrepreneurial, AI and industry ecosystems and the investors who fund early-stage innovation.

3:00 p.m.   From Conversation to Collaboration: What Comes Next

Jamie DeAngelis, Innovarist

In this closing session, summit organizers reflect on key themes of the day and outline opportunities for continued collaboration, pilot projects, and community engagement to advance responsible AI adoption.

OUR SPEAKERS

Jonathan Adams
Co-Founder and President, SALIX Data

Jon Adams is the Co-Founder and President of SALIX Data, an award-winning provider of Artificial Intelligence, Business Process Outsourcing, and Litigation Support Solutions. Since launching SALIX in 1999 with his brother, Jon has grown the company from a basement startup into a global operation with teams in the United States, India, and Kenya, serving more than 2,500 clients across industries such as healthcare, financial services, legal, and manufacturing.

A recognized speaker, Jon has presented at over 200 conferences worldwide, advising leaders on leveraging AI, automation, and analytics to drive sustainable growth. His leadership is grounded in partnership, stewardship, and a commitment to long-term impact for clients, employees, and communities.

Salwa Arafa, PhD, RPH
Pharmacist II, Cincinnati Children's Hospital

Salwa Arafa, PhD, RPh, holds a PhD in pharmaceutical sciences (focus in Neuroscience) from the University of Cincinnati James L. Winkle College of Pharmacy. She currently serves as a Pharmacist II Operations Specialist at Cincinnati Children's and is pursuing a MSc in Pharmacy Leadership at the JLW College of Pharmacy. Salwa was featured on AI in healthcare panels and interviews, and she is a passionate advocate for responsible AI for the betterment of healthcare (and humanity in general). In addition to her expertise in pharmacy, neuroscience, regulatory compliance, and advocacy for artificial intelligence in healthcare, Salwa Arafa is the founder of STADIA™, a supplement brand slated for launch in the first quarter of 2026.

Steve Brunker
CEO, Brain-CA Technologies

Steve Brunker is the Chief Executive Officer of Brain-CA Technologies, a company that is focused on creating a groundbreaking, new AI microprocessor technology. He and his team are working to translate their innovative computing architecture into scalable AI solutions that use dramatically less energy than traditional methods.

With over three decades in senior IT leadership, Steve's experience with complex, global enterprises provides a valuable perspective. His breadth of technology leadership spans from early-career high-stakes projects at Hewlett-Packard to senior roles at LSI Industries and Hillman Solutions. As CIO at Hillman, his focus on cybersecurity, superior system uptime, and flawless audit compliance underscores his commitment to the confidentiality, security and reliability essential for healthcare systems. This deep history positions him to discuss the governance and uncertainties involved in the advanced technologies underlying critical applications like AI in Healthcare.

Jeff Carr
Innovation & Transformation Executive, CenterForward Ventures

Jeff Carr has built a career helping organizations do things differently — which turns out to be harder than it sounds. As Chief Innovation Officer at Mercy Health, he established an innovation fund and led digital transformation initiatives spanning telehealth, AI-enabled care coordination, and patient engagement. At Accenture, he pioneered the industry's first integration of Salesforce Health Cloud with Epic EHR, solving problems many said couldn't be solved (usually by people who hadn't tried). He's co-founded multiple healthcare technology ventures including Intelemage (acquired by Medidata Solutions), served on boards for AVIA and other healthcare innovation organizations, and learned that innovation is less about brilliant ideas and more about actually implementing them.

John Cavanaugh
Founder & Executive Director, Plunk Foundation

John Cavanaugh is the Founder and Executive Director of the Plunk Foundation, a nonprofit organization that protects over 30 million people from dangers that originate online. He serves as Project Manager for the Risk and Safety Team at the Cincinnati AI Catalyst under Dr. Kelly Cohen, where he focuses on advancing privacy, security, and threat detection in AI systems. A PhD candidate in Aerospace Engineering at the University of Cincinnati, John's research centers on privacy and risk in intelligent technologies. He is also a Fellow of the International Association for Privacy Professionals (IAPP) and holds CIPP/US, CIPT, and CIPM certifications. Beyond his research, John co-founded the SHIELD Global Online Safety Conference and serves on several boards dedicated to technology innovation, digital literacy, and online safety worldwide.

Kelly Cohen, PhD
Brian H. Rowe Endowed Chair in Aerospace Engineering
Director, AI Bio Lab, Digital Futures, University of Cincinnati

Professor Kelly Cohen, PhD is an internationally recognized leader in Trustworthy AI and Fuzzy Systems, serving as the Brian H. Rowe Endowed Chair of Aerospace Engineering and Director of the AI Bio Lab at the University of Cincinnati. He has a secondary appointment in Biomedical Engineering. His pioneering research bridges Fuzzy Logic and Biomedical Engineering, advancing explainable, trustworthy AI frameworks for healthcare applications — from patient diagnostics to robotic rehabilitation and physiological signal interpretation. With over 300 peer-reviewed publications and leadership in Responsible AI initiatives, Dr. Cohen's work emphasizes human-centered design, safety, and ethical AI deployment. He also serves as co-Founder of Genexia Health, Chief Scientific Advisor to BrandRank, President of NAFIPS (North American Fuzzy Information Processing Society), and on the Board of the Cincinnati AI Catalyst (CAIC) fostering interdisciplinary collaboration across medicine, AI, and intelligent decision-making systems.

Eric C. Cook, JD, CIPP/US
Attorney, Keating Muething & Klekamp (KMK Law)

Eric is Of Counsel at Keating Muething & Klekamp (KMK Law), where he leads strategic advisory work for the firm's Data Privacy & Cybersecurity Team within its Business Representation & Transactions Group. He guides health care, life sciences, wellness, and technology clients through HIPAA, FTC, state privacy regimes, and emerging AI governance and digital tracking risks. Prior to KMK, Eric was an associate in Loeb & Loeb's Advanced Media & Technology practice, concentrating on health data privacy and regulatory compliance. He also served as Assistant General Counsel for Bon Secours Mercy Health, advising a multi-state health system on enterprise privacy and security obligations. Eric's litigation foundation includes personal injury and medical malpractice work at Bey & Associates and the Cochran Firm, following a tenure as a City of Cincinnati prosecutor who tried more than 150 cases. He earned a J.D. from Indiana University Maurer School of Law in 2012 and a B.A. in Psychology and Philosophy (minor in Business Legal Studies) from Miami University in 2009. Admitted in Ohio and credentialed as a Certified Information Privacy Professional/US, he brings both legal depth and industry specific privacy expertise to his counsel. Eric has been recognized as an Ohio Rising Stars honoree (2019–2021) and has spoken at national forums including the HIPAA Summit and the Privacy + Security Forum.

Jamison E. DeAngelis, JD
Executive Strategist & AI Consultant, Innovarist

Jamison DeAngelis is a healthcare AI innovator, legal strategist, and entrepreneur architecting the intersection of law, medicine, technology, and governance. As Founder of Innovarist and Managing Member of EctoScan Systems, he leads AI-powered diagnostic imaging innovation, executes enterprise change management and digital transformation, and drives responsible AI implementation at scale. Grounded in law and medical ethics, his expertise spans bio-pharmaceutical leadership in infectious disease, immunology, and phytocannabinoid therapeutics. Jamison authored international regulatory frameworks and led biotechnology ventures across healthcare and precision agriculture. An award-winning executive with advanced AI and Machine Learning certification from Wharton, he is an original member of Cincinnati AI Catalyst (CAIC) and founding member and Co-Leader of the Healthcare Division.

Anthony Faiola, PhD
Professor and Researcher, University of Cincinnati

Dr. Anthony Faiola's research sits at the intersection of biomedical informatics and human-centered computing, where he studies the clinical effects of digital health solutions, including AI-driven VR therapeutic medicine (VRx) to biosensors and mobile health. His research in VRx centers on the study of therapies for mild cognitive impairment for cancer, dementia, and stroke patients. His work applies principles of human-computer interaction (HCI) and cognitive science to ensure that AI and digital health innovation is integrated responsibly and effectively within a complex healthcare environment. Dr. Faiola is a UC Professor in the College of Nursing, with affiliate positions in UC's Cancer Center and Brain Tumor Center. Previously, he held professorships at the University of Kentucky (with affiliate positions in the Markey Cancer Center and Biomedical Engineering), the University of Illinois — Chicago (Department Head of Biomedical Information Sciences), and the Indiana University School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering (Founding HCI Director.).

David E. Fleck, PhD
Research Professor, University of Cincinnati

Dr. David Fleck is a Research Associate Professor with the Center for Imaging Research in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience. He completed his Bachelors and Masters degrees at Cleveland State University and received his PhD in Neuropsychology in 1997 from the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Fleck also completed a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Cincinnati Department of Psychiatry in 2003. His primary research interests include the neuropsychology of attention and memory; cognitive and physiological consequences of psychopathology and neuropathology; and cultural differences in the course and treatment of bipolar disorder. He has received support for his research efforts from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression (NARSAD), AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, and the University of Cincinnati Research Council.

Doug Flora, MD
Executive Medical Director, Oncology Services, St. Elizabeth Healthcare
Editor-in-Chief, *AI in Precision Oncology*

Dr. Doug Flora is a nationally recognized oncologist, healthcare innovator, and AI thought leader dedicated to transforming the future of cancer care. As Executive Medical Director of Oncology Services at St. Elizabeth Healthcare, he oversees clinical operations and strategy across six cancer centers and co-founded the Center for Precision Medicine & Genomic Health — advancing precision medicine and AI-driven cancer screening. He serves as Editor-in-Chief of *AI in Precision Oncology*, the first peer-reviewed journal dedicated to this emerging field, and sits on the executive boards of the Association of Cancer Care Centers and the American Cancer Society. A Lean Six Sigma Black Belt and co-founder of Tensor Black, Inc., Dr. Flora is helping lead the responsible integration of AI into oncology to improve outcomes and end cancer as we know it. Dr. Flora recently authored his first book, *Rebooting Cancer Care*, which will be released November 5, 2025.

Carl Fraik
Executive Director, Cincinnati AI Catalyst

Carl is the Executive Director of the Cincinnati AI Catalyst, leading efforts to establish the Cincinnati region as a one of the leading AI Hubs in the USA and the creator of the AI Blueprint for the Cincinnati Region. Carl is also the founder of the Cincinnati AI Builders Forum, a community focused on advancing education and collaboration for "AI builders". Carl also serves as a Board Member and STEM Acceleration Program Leader for Build Your Future Today Center in Cambodia, expanding opportunities for rural youth to pursue education and careers in science and technology. Prior to these roles. Carl spent 35 years with Procter & Gamble in senior leadership positions, focused on product supply and innovation, based in USA, China, Ukraine and Singapore.

Kyle Frye
CEO & Board Member, Cortechs.ai

Kyle brings almost two decades in key leadership and executive roles within the medical device industry, currently as CEO of Cortechs.ai, leading their series C round, and transitioning Cortechs.ai as the global brand within Quantitative AI software through innovation and acquisitions — maintaining their vision of leading the way within the Neurology and Oncology AI space.

Sarah Giolando-Matlin, MBA, FACHE
Founder & Principal, OKTO Strategic Advisors

Sarah Giolando-Matlin is a seasoned healthcare strategist and innovation leader with more than 25 years of experience guiding health systems and emerging companies through transformation. As former Senior Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer of St. Elizabeth Healthcare, she led enterprise-wide strategic planning, growth, and partnerships — helping to double system revenues and expand access across the region. A graduate of Harvard Medical School's *AI in Healthcare: Strategy to Implementation* program, Sarah now leads OKTO Strategic Advisors, a healthcare advisory firm helping organizations and startups harness artificial intelligence and data-driven insights to improve performance and patient outcomes. She also serves as Chair of the Healthcare Committee for the Cincinnati AI Catalyst, bringing together hospitals, innovators, and investors to accelerate responsible AI adoption and position Greater Cincinnati as a national leader in healthcare innovation.

Rich Hempel
Co-founder & CEO, SYRV.ai

Rich Hempel is a veteran tech founder, startup advisor, and ecosystem builder with over 25 years of experience launching and scaling technology ventures in the region. He is the Co-Founder and CEO of SYRV.AI, an AI strategy and product development firm based at SparkHaus Innovation Hub, where he leads initiatives that help organizations deploy next-generation, agentic AI solutions.

Rich serves on the Management Board of Commonwealth Seed Capital, supporting early-stage innovation across Kentucky, and is a Board Member at Blue North, where he helps strengthen the region's startup ecosystem. His work spans sectors including healthcare, enterprise technology, and sports media — connecting founders, funders, and industry leaders to accelerate high-impact ventures.

As moderator of this panel, Rich brings a deep understanding of both the entrepreneurial journey and the broader infrastructure required to support startup success in healthcare and beyond.

Brad Hill
CPA, Hill Ventures Consulting Group

Brad Hill is a seasoned CPA and accomplished healthcare executive with over 25 years of experience driving success across early-stage startups and established organizations. His expertise spans outsourced hospital services, health tech, AI, revenue cycle management, value-based care initiatives and performance, and health information management, serving a broad spectrum of stakeholders, including hospitals, ASCs, employers, ACOs, payers, and partners.

A dynamic leader and change agent, Brad has a proven track record in team building, operational turnarounds, pipeline growth, EBITDA enhancement, and cultivating employee and customer loyalty. He excels at translating complex ideas into actionable strategies, fostering efficient operations, and delivering measurable results.

With deep experience collaborating with private equity and venture capital firms, Brad has successfully developed funding strategies, guided investments, and executed exits that drive sustainable growth and innovation. His analytical and operations-focused leadership continues to shape the future of healthcare services and solutions.

Kendall Huff
Director of Product, ProScan Imaging

Kendall Huff is a healthcare product and technology leader with expertise in IT operations, clinical workflows, and digital transformation. As Director of Product at ProScan Imaging, Kendall oversees the design and implementation of radiology solutions that optimize workflow efficiency, data interoperability, and radiologists' productivity. His work spans enterprise architecture, AI strategy development, and system integration across PACS, RIS, and cloud-based platforms. He's particularly focused on implementing AI-driven tools that enhance diagnostic accuracy and streamline reporting through automation and clinical decision support. With a background bridging clinical operations and health IT, Kendall brings a systems-engineering approach to scaling innovation in medical imaging and healthcare delivery.

Jesse Jenike-Godshalk
Attorney, Thompson Hine LLP

Jesse is an attorney who helps clients resolve issues and disputes involving inventions, logos, brands, and other creative works. His clients run the gamut from Fortune 500 companies to small businesses and startups, and they span a broad range of industries, including medical devices, food and beverage, and apparel. He is the president of the Cincinnati Intellectual Property Law Association and is active in the local Artificial Intelligence (AI) ecosystem.

Corey Johnson
Co-Founder & CEO, CareEco

Corey Johnson is the Co-Founder and CEO of CareEco, a Nashville-based healthcare technology company using artificial intelligence to bridge provider and payer data, improving financial accuracy and operational efficiency across healthcare. Before founding CareEco, Corey led Data & Analytics initiatives at HCA Healthcare and managed healthcare technology programs for Fresenius Medical Care, focusing on data-driven financial performance improvement.

Since launching CareEco in 2020, his team has helped medical practices and health systems nationwide identify and recover millions in earned revenue through AI-powered analysis of clinical notes, claims, and contracts. CareEco now operates globally with clients across the U.S. and offices in several countries. Corey holds degrees from Western Kentucky University and Vanderbilt University's Owen Graduate School of Management and lives in Nashville with his wife and two children.

David E. Karol, MD
Associate Professor of Clinical, Vice Chair of Clinical Services Psychiatry, University of Cincinnati Medical Center

Dr. David Karol is a dually trained internist and psychiatrist at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center (UCMC). He completed medical school at Case Western Reserve University and a combined residency in internal medicine and psychiatry at Duke University Medical Center. At UCMC, he serves as the vice chair of clinical services in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience. He has a secondary appointment in the Department of Internal Medicine. Dr. Karol's clinical interests include consultation-liaison psychiatry, general internal medicine, integrated medical and psychiatric care, HIV psychiatry, bioethics, and treatment of individuals involved with the criminal justice system. He is involved in medical student and residency education in both clinical departments as well as research in the fields of consultation-liaison and HIV psychiatry.

Dave Knox
Executive Director, Blue North

Dave Knox is an investor, startup advisor, and brand builder, serving as the Executive Director of Blue North, the Entrepreneur & Innovation Hub for Northern Kentucky. Prior to Blue North, Dave was the Chief Marketing Officer of Rockfish where he helped the company become one of the fastest- growing agencies in the country. Simultaneously, Dave co-founded The Brandery, one of the top 10 startup accelerators in the US. Combining these worlds, Dave is the author of the bestselling Predicting the Turn: The High Stakes Game of Business Between Startups and Blue Chips. Dave has been named a Cincinnati Marketing Legend by the AMA, Mentor of the Year by the Kentucky Entrepreneur Hall of Fame, and CMO of the Year in the Business Courier C-Suite Awards.

Marcus Lehman, MD, MBA
Vice Chair for Clinical Operations, Department of Anesthesiology,
University of Cincinnati

Dr. Lehman is a physician executive at the University of Cincinnati, practicing multi-specialty Anesthesiology, while focusing on operational improvements across inpatient and procedural settings. He has advised medtech startups and done strategic consulting for health systems, and has presented regionally and nationally on a broad variety of subjects, including quality improvement, AI in healthcare, and clinician wellness.

Dr. Lehman completed residency training at the Mayo Clinic and at the Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia, and earned his undergraduate degree magna cum laude from Harvard University. He holds an MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. He is an optimist regarding AI's ability to expand the systems-thinking approach health systems require to achieve quality, scale, and process improvements that benefit patients and providers alike.

Dino Martis
CEO, Genexia

Dino Martis is a seasoned healthcare entrepreneur with 25 years of experience founding and leading companies in home health and pharmaceutical services. He currently serves as CEO of Genexia Health Innovations, an organization advancing women's health by diagnosing coronary artery disease (CAD) through mammograms using explainable AI. Martis has testified before the U.S. Congress on health reform, shaping national dialogue on access and quality of care. At the invitation of the Governor of Saitama, Japan, he established a groundbreaking sleep disorder program, exemplifying his commitment to preventive medicine and global collaboration in innovative healthcare solutions. His career reflects a lifelong commitment to improving outcomes through innovation, global partnership, and compassionate, data-driven healthcare delivery.

Adam Middleton
Founder, Healthcare Advisory Network

Adam Middleton is the founder of Healthcare Advisory Network in Centerville, Ohio, where he advises healthcare organizations and emerging businesses on management, operations, finance, and strategic planning. His expertise spans physician compensation, contracting, and operational efficiency, helping hospitals and practices optimize revenue cycles and make informed strategic decisions.

Adam's consulting experience includes mergers of hospital-managed service organizations, launching physician practices, and negotiating hundreds of physician-hospital acquisitions. He has led strategic planning and operational teams across post-acute care, physician groups, and hospital service lines.

Active in his community, Adam serves on the Board of South Community Behavioral Health, participates in his local church, and contributes professionally as a Board Member of the National Society of Certified Healthcare Business Consultants.

Pete Renneker
US Leader Cyber Resilience, Deloitte & Touche LLP

Pete is the U.S. Leader for Cyber Resilience at Deloitte & Touche LLP, where he leads a practice that harnesses AI and advanced technologies to help clients — including those in healthcare — enhance resilience against cyberattacks. In this role he develops proactive, AI-driven strategies to protect critical technology infrastructure and sensitive data. Pete is a Cincinnati native and resident and he previously served as a board director for the Disaster Recovery International Foundation.

Matt Wortman, PhD
Acceleration Manager for Digital Health, Innovation Ventures,
Cincinnati Children's Hospital

Dr. Matthew Wortman is Acceleration Manager for Digital Health and Care Delivery at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, where he leads AI initiatives and commercialization of healthcare technologies. With a PhD in Neuroscience from the University of Cincinnati, Matt brings unique expertise bridging computational biology, high-performance computing, and healthcare innovation. As faculty at UC, he ran a lab combining in silico modeling and virtual screening with wet lab screening based on computational predictions, establishing workflows that led to development of several first-in-class small molecule modulators. His work specialized in challenging targets including modulators of protein-protein interactions and allosteric sites. During his time at UC, he also started several successful companies. At CCHMC, he brings his experience in applying computation to solve healthcare problems and his entrepreneurial expertise to help commercialize CCHMC's digital technologies, developing predictive algorithms and scalable platforms that improve patient outcomes globally.

Eileen Yoah
Vice President, Cincinnati Healthcare Professionals Network

Eileen Yeoh, MS has over 15 years of partnerships experience spanning health, biotech, and mission-driven organizations. For Cincinnati Children's, CareSource, and Kroger, she spearheaded collaborations that enabled innovative technology to improve patient outcomes and user experience. Eileen is a founding member of the Cincinnati Healthcare Professionals Network, currently serving as Vice President.

Joan Ziegler
CEO & Founder, Elev8 Data

As CEO & Founder of Elev8 Data, Joan is delivering breakthrough solutions to healthcare. 3PSecure ensures sensitive personal data is never transmitted during data sharing, rendering breaches financially worthless to cybercriminals. Elev8Insights AI delivers actionable insights using a robust, hallucination-free knowledge graph—far more efficient than GenAI in compute cost. Unlike GenAI, its semantic layer is curated by medical experts to ensure accuracy and clinical relevance.

Previously, Ziegler invented and patented dynamic authentication technologies licensed for tap-to-pay transactions across Visa, MasterCard, AmEx, and Discover — securing billions of payments still in use today. A recognized voice in security and healthcare innovation, she has spoken at MIT Stanford Venture Lab, Money 2020, Allen & Company, Visa, and Isle.AI at Necker Island.

ABOUT US

Cincinnati AI in Healthcare Summit Objective

To unite the region's healthcare community in exploring how human-centered AI can improve care, empower clinicians, and enhance operational efficiency — advancing responsible innovation and reimagining the future of healthcare.

Cincinnati AI in Healthcare Summit Organizers

The inaugural Cincinnati AI in Healthcare Summit was born from the Cincinnati AI Catalyst Healthcare team and made possible through the leadership of Jamie DeAngelis, Sarah Giolando-Matlin and Tom Stautberg.

Jamison DeAngelis, Executive Strategist & AI Consultant, Innovarist

Jamison DeAngelis is a healthcare innovation strategist and co-leads the Cincinnati AI in Healthcare Summit. Through his work with the Cincinnati AI Catalyst, he helps connect hospitals, startups, and technology partners to accelerate responsible AI adoption across the regional healthcare ecosystem. Jamie played a key role in shaping the Summit program—recruiting speakers and curating discussions that highlight how artificial intelligence is transforming healthcare delivery, operations, and collaboration.

Sarah Giolando-Matlin, Founder & CEO, OKTO Strategic Advisors

Sarah Giolando-Matlin is the Founder and Principal of OKTO Strategic Advisors and Chair of the Healthcare Committee for the Cincinnati AI Catalyst. She co-leads the design and execution of the AI in Healthcare Summit, recruiting key speakers, promoting and marketing the event, and managing many of the logistics. Sarah played a key role in the development of the agenda and collaborating with healthcare networks throughout the region to spark interest and participation in the event.

Thomas J. Stautberg, Chief Executive Officer, AniVida Health Partners

Tom Stautberg is a healthcare executive with expertise in strategic growth, innovation, and technology integration. As a founding organizer of the Cincinnati AI in Healthcare Summit, Tom played a key role in shaping the event's vision and structure—contributing to program development and speaker engagement. His leadership helped ensure the Summit addressed critical topics, including financial transformation and healthcare security in the AI era. Tom is passionate about building collaborative frameworks that advance operational excellence and empower healthcare organizations to thrive in an AI-driven future.

The Cincinnati AI Catalyst is a non-profit consortium of leaders from the Cincinnati Region AI ecosystem that is focused on catalyzing the adoption and use of inclusive, human-centered, responsible AI to improve the lives of people in the Cincinnati region (and beyond).

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