



CHARLES C. LEIGHTON, MD MEMORIAL lecture

Variations in Health Care Access, Utilization, and Outcomes

The Case of Elective Joint Replacement

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PRESENTED BY

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PROGRAM

WELCOME REMARKS

Rachel M. Werner, MD, PhD, *Executive Director, Penn LDI;
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Health Care Management and Economics, Wharton School;
Professor, Medicine, Perelman School of Medicine*

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Rachel M. Werner, MD, PhD

PRESENTATION

Said Ibrahim, MD, MBA, *Anthony F. and Gertrude M. DePalma
Dean, Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University*

AUDIENCE Q&A

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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Said Ibrahim, MD, MBA

Said Ibrahim, MD, MBA, is the Anthony F. and Gertrude M. DePalma Dean of the Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University. He is an internal medicine physician who has served as a primary care doctor, educator, administrator, and clinician investigator. He is nationally recognized for his efforts to combat health disparities. Dr. Ibrahim joined Thomas Jefferson University from Northwell Health where he served as Senior Vice President of Northwell Health's Medicine Service Line. Previously, Dr. Ibrahim was a Professor of Population Health Sciences and the Founding Chief of the Division of Healthcare Delivery Science and Innovation at the Department of Population Health Sciences for Weill Cornell Medicine. He was also Weill Cornell's inaugural Senior Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion. Additionally, Dr. Ibrahim has served as Chief of Medicine at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center and as Vice-Chair of Medicine at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.



This annual lecture brings together policymakers, corporate leaders, researchers, students, and faculty for substantive discussions on leading health policy issues.

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ABOUT CHARLES C. LEIGHTON, MD

Since 1994, this annual lecture has honored the memory of the late Charles C. Leighton, MD (1938–93), through a generous endowment from the Merck Company Foundation. Dr. Leighton was Senior Vice President of Administration, Planning, and Science Policy at Merck Research Laboratories for nearly three decades, where he was responsible for the international regulatory approval of drugs for Merck and Co., Inc.

Dr. Leighton distinguished himself through his leadership and vision, and his gift for galvanizing and harmonizing scientists, company management, and government officials behind a common goal—delivering breakthrough medicines and vaccines to the people who need them around the world. Dr. Leighton was widely regarded in making regulatory affairs an integral part of every drug company's operation and product development strategy, becoming the best in the world in his field and a model for other companies and regulatory agencies to emulate.