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Leana S. Wen, M.D.



Focus:

Transforming Healthcare Delivery | Population Health | Women's Health | Health & Well-Being | Quality Improvement | Leadership

Education:

B.S. California State University, Los Angeles
M.S. University of Oxford
M.D. Washington University School of Medicine

Background:

Dr. Leana Wen is an emergency physician, public health leader, and a passionate advocate for patient-centered healthcare reform. The author of the critically-acclaimed book, *When Doctors Don't Listen*, her TED talk on transparency in medicine has been viewed over 2 million times. In 2019, Dr. Wen was named one of TIME magazine's 100 Most Influential People.

Currently a Visiting Professor of Health Policy and Management at the George Washington University Milken School of Public Health, Dr. Wen is also the Distinguished Fellow at the Fitzhugh Mullan Institute for Health Workforce Equity.

Previously, Dr. Wen served as the Health Commissioner for the City of Baltimore, where she led the nation's oldest continuously operating health department in the U.S., founded in 1793, with 1,000 employees committed to improving well-being and combatting disparities. Under her direction, the Baltimore City Health Department led the country in health innovations and was recognized by the National Association of County and City Health Officials as the Local Health Department of the Year. She expanded trauma and mental health services; secured funding for Safe Streets, a program to treat gun violence as a contagious disease; and led public health campaigns on vaccinations and childhood obesity, and racism as a public health issue.

Dr. Wen has also served as the President/CEO of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, where she led a national health care organization with over 600 health centers and a presence in all 50 states. As the first physician to lead Planned Parenthood in nearly 50 years, Dr. Wen worked to expand comprehensive care to vulnerable women and families, and she piloted initiatives in maternal health, mental health, and substance addiction prevention and treatment.

Dr. Wen has served as the Director of Patient-Centered Care in the Department of Emergency Medicine at George Washington University and a consultant with the World Health Organization, Brookings Institution, and China Medical Board. Currently, she serves on the Board of the Baltimore Community Foundation and on the Dean's Council of the University of Maryland School of Public Health. The author of dozens of articles in scientific publications including *The Lancet*, *JAMA*, *Health Affairs*, and *British Medical Journal*, Dr. Wen has given six TEDx and TEDMED talks. She has been an op-ed contributor for the *Washington Post*, *National Public Radio*, and *Baltimore Sun*, and is regularly featured on NPR, CNN, PBS, MSNBC, ABC, and CBS. When she is not working, she is spending time with her two-year old son, Eli.

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