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We welcome article and content submissions from WSHLA members for publication.

If you'd like to contribute to the next issue, please contact us at: info@thewshla.org

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 Washington State Healthcare Leaders Association | P.O. Box 1468 | Sandpoint, ID 83864

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Message from the President

Dear WSHLA Members,



Jennifer Yahne MHA, CMPE
TRA Medical Imaging
Diagnostic Imaging Northwest
Tacoma

This month, our WSHLA community experienced a profound loss with the sudden passing of Past President and long-time Board member, **Sarah Doxey**. Sarah was a pillar of the Spokane healthcare community and a respected leader whose impact stretched across many organizations, including CHAS Health, Providence, Spokane Eye Clinic, Cancer Care Northwest, and Northwest OB/GYN. Most recently, she served as Chief Operating Officer at CHAS, where her dedication to expanding access to care and supporting underserved communities was widely admired.

Although I did not have the privilege of serving alongside Sarah, I have heard many heartfelt reflections from fellow Board members who knew her well. They described her as a true servant leader—someone who led with humility, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to others. She gave generously of time, mentored emerging leaders, and worked tirelessly to elevate the quality of healthcare in our region. Her tenure with the WSHLA board, which stretched nearly a decade, exemplified these values and left a lasting mark on our organization.

Moments like these remind us of the deeper purpose we share as healthcare leaders. Whether we are guiding our teams through change, mentoring future professionals, or simply taking time to listen, our impact often extends far beyond what we may realize. Sarah's legacy is a powerful reminder of that truth. Her passing also brings into focus the importance of building something lasting—not only in our careers but within our communities and organizations. Each of us plays a role in shaping the future of healthcare in Washington State. Together, through WSHLA, we strive to support one another, elevate our profession, and leave our systems better than we found them.

Today, more than ever, I am grateful for this association and the role it plays in uniting, encouraging, and strengthening healthcare leaders across the state.

In honor of Sarah's life and leadership, let us continue her legacy by supporting one another with purpose, leading with integrity, and building a healthcare system that truly serves all.

Warm regards,

Jen Yahne, President

Washington State Healthcare Leaders Association



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*Keynote speaker Peter Lee,
president of Microsoft Research*

AI in Clinical Medicine Conference

WSMA's Artificial Intelligence Work Group is pleased to announce the AI in Clinical Medicine Conference, a full day of learning and engagement for physicians and health care professionals, with a keynote presentation from Peter Lee, president of Microsoft Research and global leader in AI, named by Time magazine as one of the 100 most influential people in health and life sciences in 2024.

WHEN



Friday, Sept. 19, 2025, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

WHERE

The Westin Bellevue. Discount pricing available on accommodations.

REGISTER

For more information and to register, visit wsma.org/ai-in-health-care.

SPEAKERS AND TOPICS

- **The AI Revolution in Medicine, Revisited:** Keynote presentation from Peter Lee, president of Microsoft Research
- **AI in Practice – Fundamentals for Physicians: AI Literacy, Tool Evaluation, and Responsible Use** — Nadia Smati, MD, Ainsley Advisory Group
- **AI in Practice – Clinical AI Tools Today: Useful, Real Tools, Right Now** — Jessica Schlicher MD, MBA, CMO for Virtual Care and Digital Health at Providence
- **Representation in Model Evaluation** — Lucy Orr-Ewing, chief of staff for the Coalition for Health AI
- **What Clinicians Need to Know: Regulatory, Legal, and Policy Implications** — Tony S. Quang, MD, JD, FASTRO, FCLM, president of the AVAHO Foundation, and Clara De Abreu E Souza, JD
- **Panel Discussion: The Next 5 Years of AI in Medicine** — Moderated by Colin Fields, MD, with panelists Tony S. Quang, MD, JD; Jessica Schlicher, MD, MBA; Vanessa Saavedra of Northwest Health Law Advocates; Lucy Orr-Ewing; and Nadia Smati, MD

ABOUT THE KEYNOTE

Several years ago, Peter Lee led a group of researchers at Microsoft in an investigation of the potential impact of large language model technology on health care delivery and medical research, resulting in the publication in 2023 of “The AI Revolution in Medicine: GPT-4 and Beyond.” Now, with a bit more than two years of real-world observation and experience, Lee will revisit what he and his co-authors got right, what they missed, and what’s ahead.

As president of Microsoft Research, Lee’s leadership spans 11 worldwide laboratories to advance human knowledge and incubate research-powered products. Lee was named by Time magazine as one of the 100 most influential people in health and life sciences in 2024.

This activity has been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™.

Join us as an exhibitor or a sponsor at the 2025 AI in Clinical Medicine Conference. We anticipate up to 200 physicians, physician assistants, nurses, and practice managers from Washington state and beyond. Sponsors will be featured at the meeting and online. Find the sponsorship level that works for you at wsma.org/ai-in-health-care or by emailing Susanna Waldman at susanna@wsma.org.

Education and Events

Tuesday Timely Topics are interactive, virtual forums via Zoom for Healthcare Leaders to learn and connect. It is free to participate but you **MUST** register to attend.

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Tuesday Timely Topics

Guest:
Daniel Schwartz
President and Founder,
Design I.T. Solutions

September 23
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM pacific
via Zoom



September Topic:
**LIVE Dark Web Tour &
Cybersecurity Tactics: Is
Your Data Already Exposed?**

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PRESENTED BY:
MICHAEL BERTAUT
HEALTHCARE ECONOMIST

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2025

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11:00 AM MOUNTAIN
10:00 AM PACIFIC

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Postings run for one month from the date of placement. An email announcement will be sent to our members and posted to our social media networks.

JOB POSTING FEE:

- WSHLA Member: \$75 - discounted rate is a benefit of membership
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Capital Neurosurgery Specialists
Salmon, Oregon

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Bellingham, WA

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Welcome Our Newest Members

Dylan Avatar
Credential Network
Spokane, WA
Joined: 07/09/2025

Jackie Getz
Plastic Surgery Northwest
Spokane, WA
Joined: 07/11/2025

Fred Martin
Armada
East Wenatchee, WA
Joined: 07/24/2025

Angela Potter
Kootenai Health
Spokane, WA
Joined: 07/24/2025

We encourage all WSHLA members to help grow our community by sharing the value of membership with colleagues and peers within their professional networks. Being part of a state-focused, local association like WSHLA offers lasting benefits—from early career support to continued professional growth, mentorship, advocacy, and collaboration throughout every stage of your healthcare journey. By expanding our network, we strengthen our collective voice and reinforce the shared values that unite us: Leadership, Collaboration, Integrity, Education, and Advocacy. Let's grow stronger—together.

MEMBERS ONLY

Washington State Healthcare Leaders Association Member Listserv

Our Members Only email forum is intended to facilitate dialogue and idea sharing among WSHLA members about current practice management issues. All members are encouraged to post and respond to questions, participate in discussions, offer ideas and share experiences with others through the forum.

Who has access to the Listserv?

All active WSHLA members, current in their member dues, have access to the listserv. Members may opt-out of participating in the listserv or opt-in at any time.

Want to participate?

If you are a current WSHLA member and don't participate yet, visit our subscription page to send a request to join:

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