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The 3rd Annual **Joel S. Levine, M.D.** **Memorial Lectureship**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Rebecca Onie, J.D.

Co-founder,
The Health Initiative

Rebecca Onie is Co-Founder of The Health Initiative (THI), a national campaign to catalyze a new conversation about and increased investments in health, including access to healthy food, safe and affordable housing, and well-paying jobs. Previously, Onie co-founded Health Leads to enable physicians and other healthcare providers and caregivers across the country to address these fundamental drivers of patients' health. Health Leads armed thousands of healthcare institutions with the tools, technology, analytics, and best practices to address their patients' resource needs, ultimately serving as a model for the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation's Accountable Health Communities pilot, the first federal pilot to screen and navigate patients to basic resources. Onie is a MacArthur "Genius" awardee, a member of the National Academy of Medicine, and an Aspen Institute Health Innovators Fellow. She has received the APHA Avedis Donabedian Quality Award; Network for Excellence in Health Innovation "Innovator in Health" Award; Robert Wood Johnson Young Leader Award; and Forbes' Impact 30 Award for leading social entrepreneurs. She received her J.D. from Harvard Law School, where she was an editor of the Harvard Law Review.



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SPECIAL GUEST



Mandy K. Cohen, M.D., MPH

Director,
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Administrator,
Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

Dr. Mandy K. Cohen is a prominent healthcare leader, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. As an internal medicine physician, she earned acclaim for her exceptional leadership at the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, particularly during the COVID-19 crisis. Dr. Cohen is known for her commitment to equity, data transparency, and transformed healthcare in North Carolina through innovative initiatives like NCCARE360, the first statewide coordination platform.

Before her CDC role, she served as the Executive Vice President at Aledade and CEO of Aledade Care Solution, focusing on improving care in primary care practices and health centers. With previous roles at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Dr. Cohen was pivotal in the Affordable Care Act policy development and implementation.

Dr. Cohen's achievements include being recognized as one of Modern Healthcare's Top 25 Women Leaders in Healthcare and receiving the Harvard University Leadership in Public Health Practice Award. She is an elected National Academy of Medicine member and an adjunct professor at the Gillings School of Global Public Health at the University of North Carolina.

She was the inaugural speaker at the 2022 Joel M. Levine, M.D. Lectureship at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University, named in honor of her uncle. Dr. Cohen earned her bachelor's degree from Cornell University, a Doctor of Medicine from Yale School of Medicine, and a Master's in Public Health from Harvard School of Public Health. Her medical training includes a residency in Internal Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital.