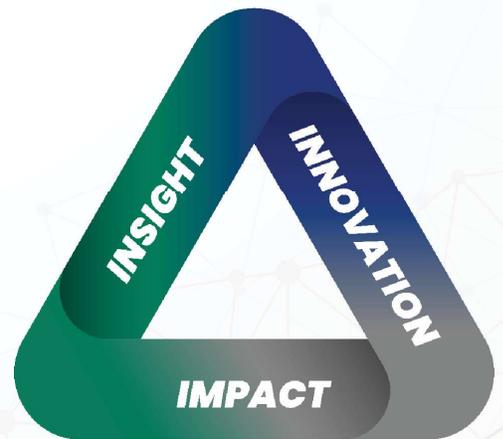




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Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Leaders Summit



November 5-7, 2025
Hot Springs, Virginia

FOREWORD

The pace of work, life, family, and the world around us often feels more rapid and intense than it has ever been.

Even in that sometimes chaotic climate, our mandate as healthcare leaders is clear: to apply informed insight to drive innovation and make a positive impact for the patients, families, and communities we serve.

That is a guiding North Star for people who devote their professional lives to caring for people and public health. It is also a central concept of the 2025 Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Leaders Summit whose theme is “Insight. Innovation. Impact.”

The journey from bold ideas to meaningful change is not always smooth or linear. Rather, it is often marked by fits and starts, trial and error, progress and setbacks.

In this current moment, our work is being conducted against the backdrop of shifts in the federal health policy landscape across developments impacting grant funding, reimbursement and payor issues, scientific research, and more.

As we navigate the challenges and opportunities this moment presents, this Summit is a venue for healthcare leaders to come together, connect, and share. It is a forum for synthesizing forward-thinking strategies into real-world solutions.

These next few days at the Summit will be filled with an array of dynamic keynote speakers and informative panel discussions, inspiring peer recognition, policy conversations, and more as we explore what’s next in healthcare delivery with a focus on examining how insight drives innovation and how that helps deliver results and impact.



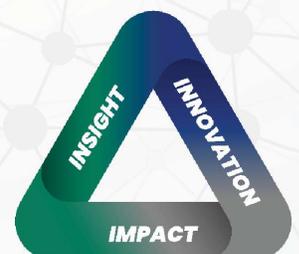
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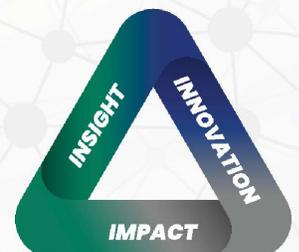
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Wednesday, November 5

- VHHA Executive Committee Meeting
(Board members only)
Stratford Room 10-11:30 a.m.
- VHHA Board of Directors Meeting
(Board members only)
Stratford Room 12-4 p.m.
- Pre-Summit Rural Leaders Workshop
(Pre-registration required)
Dominion Room 12-4 p.m.
- Conference Registration, Exhibit Hall open
Grand Ballroom Foyer 3-6:30 p.m.
- Welcome Reception, sponsored by RCM&D
(All conference attendees and guests invited)
Grand Ballroom Foyer 5-6:30 p.m.
- VHHA Board of Directors Dinner,
sponsored by Qualivis
(By invitation only)
Old Course Pavilion 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, November 6

- Conference Registration, Exhibit Hall open
Grand Ballroom Foyer 7:30 a.m.
- Buffet Breakfast, sponsored by W.M. Jordan
Grand Ballroom East 7:30-9 a.m.
- Conference Welcome
Mark Nantz, Chair, VHHA Board of Directors
Grand Ballroom West 8:30-9 a.m.
- Politics, Policy, and the Pulse of Healthcare
Keynote Speaker: Jeff Dufour
Grand Ballroom West 9-10 a.m.



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Thursday, November 6

Morning Break

10-10:15 a.m.

Innovation Keynote, presented by McKesson
The Future of Health and Medicine:
What's Now, Near, and Next?
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Daniel Kraft
Grand Ballroom West

10:15-11:15 a.m.

Transition Break

11:15-11:30 a.m.

VHHA Outstanding Service Awards Luncheon,
sponsored by Dominion Energy
Grand Ballroom East

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Transition Break

1:30-2 p.m.

Making Virginia the Healthiest State in the Nation
Speakers: Abraham Segres, Melody Dickerson,
Bridget Fitzpatrick, Renuka Gupta
Grand Ballroom West

2-3:30 p.m.

Honoring Healthcare Leaders Reception,
sponsored by VHHA Solutions
Crystal Ballroom and Empire Room

6-7:30 p.m.

Highballs and Hill Talk, presented by HosPAC
and AHAPAC
Presidential Lounge

9-10 p.m.

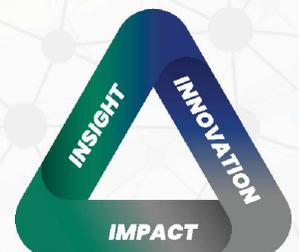
Friday, November 7

Chief Medical and Chief Nursing Officers Breakfast
Mount Vernon and Stratford Rooms

7:15-8:15 a.m.

Buffet Breakfast sponsored by WittKieffer
Exhibit Hall open
Grand Ballroom East and Grand Ballroom Foyer

7:15-8:45 a.m.

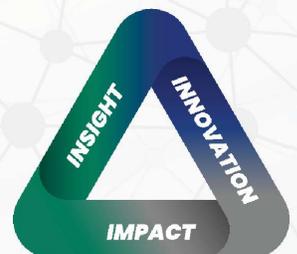


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Friday, November 7

Conference Welcome Back Mark Nantz, Chair, VHHA Board of Directors Grand Ballroom West	8:30–8:45 a.m.
VHHA Affiliates Update Matt Marry, CEO, VHHA Solutions Kelly Cannon, CEO, VHHA Foundation Grand Ballroom West	8:45–9:15 a.m.
ACHE Awards Presentation Joanne Inman, American College of Healthcare Executives Regent for Virginia–Central Grand Ballroom West	9:15–9:45 a.m.
Creating Meaningful Change to Protect America’s Medicine Cabinet Keynote Speaker: Dr. Eric Edwards, MD, PhD Grand Ballroom West	9:45–10:45 a.m.
Closing Remarks and Adjournment	10:45 a.m.

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Dr. Daniel Kraft **Founder** **NextMed Health and** **Digital.Health**

Dr. Daniel Kraft is a Stanford and Harvard-trained physician-scientist, inventor, entrepreneur, and innovator.

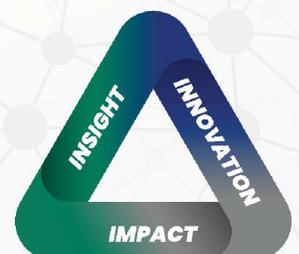
With more than 25 years of experience in clinical practice,

biomedical research, and healthcare innovation, Kraft has served as faculty chair for Medicine at Singularity University since its inception in 2008. In 2011, he founded NextMed Health (previously called Exponential Medicine), a program and community that explores convergent, rapidly developing technologies and their potential in biomedicine and healthcare. He serves as Chair of the XPRIZE Pandemic & Health Alliance.

Following undergraduate degrees from Brown University and the Stanford University School of Medicine, Kraft was board certified in internal medicine and pediatrics after completing a Harvard residency at the Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Children's Hospital, as well as fellowships in hematology, oncology, and bone marrow transplantation at Stanford. He is a member of the Inaugural class of the Aspen Institute Health Innovators Fellowship, a member of the Kauffman Fellows Society, and a managing partner with Continuum Health Ventures, which focuses on funding early stage health tech companies.

He has medical device, immunology, and stem cell-related patents through NIH-funded faculty positions with Stanford University School of Medicine and as clinical faculty for the pediatric bone marrow transplantation service at the University of California San Francisco. His academic research has focused on stem cell biology and regenerative medicine, stem cell-derived immunotherapies for cancer, bioengineering human T-cell differentiation, and humanized animal models. And his clinical work has focused on bone marrow and hematopoietic stem cell transplantation for malignant and non-malignant diseases in adults and children, and medical devices to enable stem cell based regenerative medicine.

He founded Digital.Health, is on the board of Healthy.io, and advises several Fortune 50 and digital health-related startups. Kraft is an avid pilot and has served in the Massachusetts and California Air National Guard as an officer and flight surgeon.





Jeff Dufour **Editor in Chief** **National Journal**

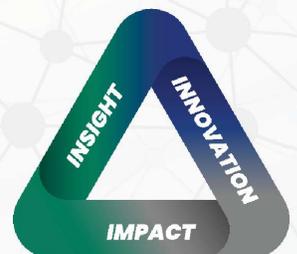
Jeff Dufour is the National Journal's editor in chief.

He was previously a columnist and editor for The Hill newspaper and the Washington Examiner, and an editor for Condé Nast Publications.

He began his journalism career at American Healthline, which was then a part of the National Journal Group.

He has been a guest on NBC's "Today Show," Fox News, MSNBC, "The Dennis Miller Show," Sirius XM, and WTOP radio.

A Connecticut native, Dufour is a graduate of Georgetown University





Dr. Eric Edwards Chief Executive Officer Phlow Corp.

Dr. Eric Edwards is co-founder and CEO of Phlow Corp., a pioneering public benefit pharmaceutical corporation.

As CEO, Dr. Edwards has assembled a world-class team committed to providing a solution

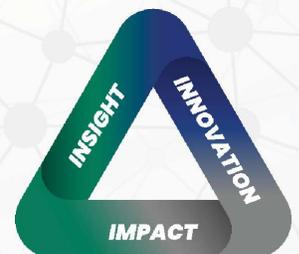
to the broken essential medicine supply chain and over-reliance on foreign manufacturers for our nation's highest priority medicines.

Dr. Edwards previously co-founded Kaléo, Inc., a pharmaceutical company in Richmond, VA. During his 16 years at Kaléo, he held several executive management positions including Chief Science Officer, where he was responsible for overall scientific strategy and pharmaceutical development programs; Chief Medical Officer responsible for developing a medical affairs team and capability while operationalizing the company's clinical program strategy; and Vice President for Innovation, overseeing Kaleo's research and development pipeline and overall new product strategy.

Dr. Edwards is the co-inventor of multiple marketed products, including AUVI-Q, an epinephrine autoinjector for the treatment of allergic emergencies (anaphylaxis), is named on more than 215 issued and patent pending applications, and is a published author on numerous scientific publications.

Dr. Edwards also continues to serve his community by volunteering on a local rescue squad, including responding to 911 calls and training paramedics in pre-hospital emergency care.

Dr. Edwards earned a bachelor's of science degree in biology, a doctoral degree in pharmaceutical sciences, and a doctor of medicine degree at Virginia Commonwealth University and the Medical College of Virginia.





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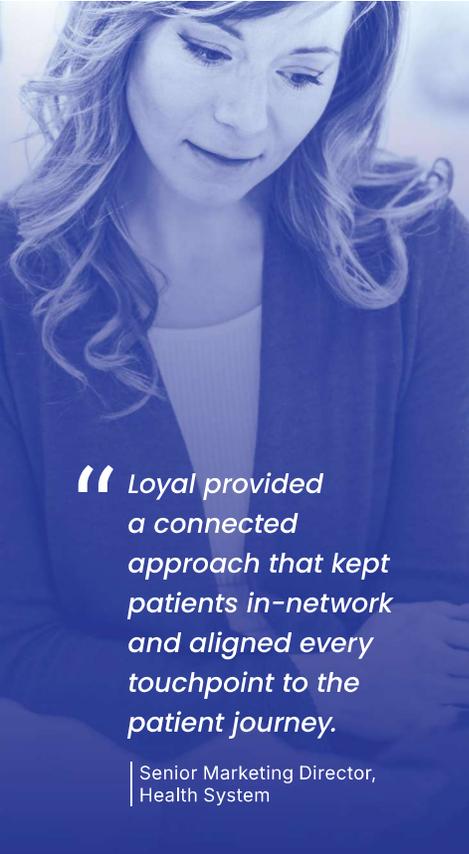
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