

Bio of Karen B. DeSalvo, MD, MPH, MSc

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Dr. Karen DeSalvo is a primary care physician and health leader working at the intersection of medicine, public health, and information technology. She has dedicated her career to improving health outcomes for all with a focus on solutions that address all the determinants of health. Dr. DeSalvo continues to be a powerful voice and advocate for eliminating inequities and improving the public's health.

She brings this lifelong commitment to her role as Chief Health Officer at Google Health, where her team of health professionals provide guidance for the development of Google's research, products and services. Prior to Google Dr. DeSalvo was previously Vice Dean for Community Affairs and Health Policy at Tulane School of Medicine and Chief of General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics. She served as Health Commissioner in post-Hurricane Katrina New Orleans, then as the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology and Assistant Secretary for Health (Acting) in the Obama Administration.

She is on the Board of Directors for Welltower and the Council of the National Academy of Medicine. She co-convenes the National Alliance for the Social Determinants of Health (NASDOH) with former HHS Secretary Michael O. Leavitt and is a member of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation National Commission to Transform Public Health Data Systems. DeSalvo previously served on the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission and the Humana Board of Directors. She served as President of the Society of General Internal Medicine and Honorary Vice President, United States, for the American Public Health Association. She earned her MD and MPH from Tulane University, and a masters in clinical epidemiology from the Harvard School of Public Health.