

Biography



Rishi Manchanda, MD, MPH, President of HealthBegins, an organization that provides "upstream" quality improvement training, clinic redesign and technology to transform health care by addressing the social determinants of health

Dr. Manchanda is a dual board-certified internist and pediatrician, a board member of the National Physicians Alliance, and a fellow in the California Health Care Foundation's Healthcare Leadership Program. He is the lead physician for homeless primary care at the VA in Los Angeles, where he has built clinics for high-utilizer homeless veterans with complex chronic disease. Dr. Manchanda was the first Director of Social Medicine and Health Equity at a large community health center network in south Los Angeles, where he led health and human rights-based initiatives to transform population health. In 2008, he started RxDemocracy, a nonpartisan coalition that has registered over 30,000 voters in doctors' offices and hospitals nationwide. His 2013 book, "The Upstream Doctors," introduces a new model of the healthcare workforce that includes clinic-based "Upstreamists" who improve key social and environmental determinants of health. Dr. Manchanda is a member of the leadership team of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's 100 Million Lives Campaign and, in 2014, was recognized in The Atlantic magazine as one of twenty leading healthcare innovators in America.