

Biography



Gary S. Kaplan, MD, FACP, FACMPE, FACPE, Chairman and CEO of the Virginia Mason Health System and a practicing internal medicine physician at Virginia Mason

Dr. Kaplan has served as Chairman and CEO of Virginia Mason Health System in Seattle since 2000. He is also a practicing, board-certified internal medicine physician at Virginia Mason and chair of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement Board of Directors. Dr. Kaplan has been on Modern Healthcare magazine's annual list of the "50 Most Influential Physician Executives and Leaders in Healthcare" for nine consecutive years. Additionally, Dr. Kaplan is ranked on Modern Healthcare magazine's 2014 list of the "100 Most Influential People in Healthcare". His work in innovation of health care through the Virginia Mason production system is widely recognized. Dr. Kaplan received the John M. Eisenberg Patient Safety and Quality Award for Individual Achievement in 2009 from the National Quality Forum and The Joint Commission for his contributions to improving patient safety and health care quality. He also served as Chair for the Committee on Optimizing Scheduling in Health Care and was the lead author on the IOM report, *Transforming Health Care Scheduling and Access: Getting to Now*.