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## Welcome from Kevin Owens

Welcome to the 2024 Population Health Innovation Summit (PHIS)! We are here today to highlight research, programs, and organizations across New York State that are leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) in new and exciting ways to improve the health of our communities. Our speakers will offer insights into how AI is being used to promote the health and well-being of every New Yorker.

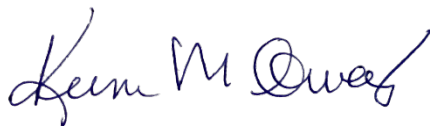
Experts will discuss their various initiatives, success stories, and lessons learned for the future. Today's speakers come from a variety of backgrounds – state agencies, the private sector, the New York State governor's office, research universities, health systems, professors, and businesspeople. They are all focused on how AI is transforming their world and population health – from healthcare and safety to emergency response, disease research, policy, disability advocacy, and more.

PHIS 2024 aims to offer an open, non-divisive platform for factual and action-oriented dialogue. Please enjoy the numerous opportunities to network with professionals who are energized about AI's impact on health and how it can affect the overall well-being of the people in our communities.

We share the same vision of embracing creative solutions to improve health for all New Yorkers—and demonstrate that by doing more in partnership across fields and disciplines, we can hope to establish trust and create effective, lasting change in public health by leveraging the power of AI.

NYSTEC is privileged to be a supportive partner in realizing this shared vision.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin M. Owens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Kevin Owens  
President & CEO, NYSTEC

## General Information

### Registration

The registration desk will be open from 8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please check in when you arrive and pick up your conference badge. We encourage you to wear your badge throughout the event. Blank badges will be available for walk-ins.

### Conference Website

To view additional information about the 2024 Population Health Innovation Summit, or to access a digital program, visit <https://nystec.com/events/phish2024> or scan the QR code on the right.



### Event Recording

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After the event, please take a moment to provide feedback by completing the survey. Go to: <https://bit.ly/phish2024survey> or scan the QR code on the right.



## Full Schedule

**8:15 a.m.**    **Registration and Breakfast**

**9:00 a.m.**    **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**Kevin Owens**

President & CEO, NYSTEC

**Chelsea Sherrod**

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**9:15 a.m.**    **Keynote Presentation**

***A Brief History of AI: How We Got Here and Where We Are Going***

**Jameson Toole, Ph.D.**

Cofounder and Former CTO, Fritz AI

Artificial intelligence (AI) has come a long way since its early days in the 1950s. In this talk, we will explore the history of AI, from its humble beginnings in academic research to its current state as a powerful tool that is used in a wide variety of applications. We will discuss the key developments that have led to the rise of AI, including data science, big data, machine learning, deep learning, and most recently generative AI. Along the way, we will highlight key opportunities and risks when adopting this technology in organizations and policy creation.

**10:00 a.m.**    **Keynote Presentation**

***The Future of Healthcare: From AI Innovation to Policy***

**Rohini Kosoglu**

Former Deputy Assistant to President Biden & Domestic Policy Advisor to Vice President Harris; First South Asian American Woman Domestic Policy Advisor to the Vice President and U.S. Senate Chief of Staff; Venture Partner, Fusion Fund; Fellow at the Stanford Institute for Human-Centered AI

In this talk, Rohini Kosoglu shares her background in healthcare innovation and policy as well as her expertise in the future of healthcare when it comes to AI innovation. Kosoglu worked on the Biden administration's timely AI Bill of Rights, one of the first legal documents addressing AI. She is a Venture Partner at Fusion Fund – a venture firm that focuses on early-stage technology and health care investments – and director of innovation policy at the Stanford Byers Center for Biodesign. Weighing the opportunities to tap into health care's rich data against the potential pitfalls of inequitable technological application, Kosoglu breaks down the need-to-know on healthcare and AI in this riveting conversation.

**11:00 a.m. Break**

**11:15 a.m. Panel Discussion**

***Creating a Culture of Responsible AI Solutions: A Panel Discussion***

**Jason Benitez**

Vice President, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), Capital Region Chamber

**Todd Britton**

Chief Information Officer, Medicaid Systems, New York State Department of Health

**Kim Hill Ridley**

Chief Disability Officer, New York State Office of the Chief Disability Officer

**Josh Klemm**

Chief Information Officer, New York State Thruway Authority

**David P. Schaeffer**

Audit Manager, New York State Office of the State Comptroller

**Deborah Szajngarten**

Vice President of Marketing, Carbyne

Join us for an engaging panel discussion featuring experts from diverse backgrounds, each offering unique insights into the responsible use of AI. From government oversight to emergency response, healthcare, transportation, and disability advocacy, our panelists will explore the implications of AI deployment and how to foster a culture of ethical innovation.

**12:25 p.m. Lunch**

**1:30 p.m. Presentation**

***Navigating the Data-Driven Era in Public and Population Health from Research to Practice***

**Rumi Chunara, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor, New York University

Public and population health are concerned with the health of populations, including factors that shape health in and out of the hospital, as well as the resulting distribution of such outcomes across groups and the inequities that result in disparities. The rapid increase in data availability can pose challenges for decision-making in these fields, due to biases in data and other factors that perpetuate through to algorithmic outputs. At the same time, data can provide an opportunity to illuminate disparities and their

mechanisms. Considering the two sides of this coin, this talk will explore how we're integrating data and AI into public and population health efforts in New York, emphasizing the importance of capacity building for public health professionals.

**2:25 p.m. Panel Discussion**

***AI Innovation in Population Health: A Panel Discussion***

**Margarida M. Barroso, Ph.D.**

Professor, Department of Molecular and Cellular Physiology, Albany Medical College

**Joseph Conte, Ph.D., CPHQ**

Executive Director, Staten Island Performing Provider System

**Xiaobo Xue Romeiko, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor and Graduate Director, University at Albany, State University of New York

**Fei Wang, Ph.D.**

Professor of Population Health Sciences and Emergency Medicine, Weill Cornell Medicine

**Dr. Benita Zahn**

Health and Wellness Coach; Emmy-Award winning former health reporter and news anchor at WNYT Albany

Join us for "AI Innovation in Population Health: A Panel Discussion" where leading experts will come together to discuss innovative applications of artificial intelligence in healthcare. From pioneering cancer research to environmental health monitoring, this session will feature leaders, researchers, and scientists that are using AI to make a difference in population health. The discussion will cover both the potential and real-life applications of AI across multiple fields and will highlight the vast impact that AI is having on the healthcare innovation landscape.

**3:40 p.m. Closing Remarks**

**Kevin Owens**

President & CEO, NYSTEC

**3:45 p.m. Networking Reception**

## Presenter & Panelist Biographies – by order of presentation

### **Kevin Owens**

**President & CEO, NYSTEC**



Kevin Owens serves as NYSTEC's President and CEO. His consulting experience spans over 20 years, with a focus on transformational initiatives that have assisted organizations in positioning themselves for future success. Kevin's forte is overseeing large-scale system implementations, where he has excelled in managing all phases of the technology project life cycle. As he served in various leadership roles in NYSTEC, Kevin also served clients such as the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), New York City Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (DoITT) and the NYS Department of Labor (DOL). For many years, Kevin led NYSTEC-sponsored community involvement and charity events. A strong supporter of professional development, Kevin has served as a mentor to many people on NYSTEC's management and leadership teams. Kevin holds a BBA from Siena College and is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) as recognized by the Project Management Institute.

### **Chelsea Sherrod**

**Master of Ceremonies, PHIS 2024**



Chelsea Sherrod has been a sports reporter and host at SportsNet New York (SNY), home of the New York Mets broadcasts, since 2006. Sherrod hosts shows and reports on New York and tri-state area professional sports teams like the New York Mets, Yankees, Jets, Giants, Rangers, Islanders, Devils, Knicks, and Nets. She also provides coverage of the UConn Women's Basketball team and much more. As a reporter for SNY, Sherrod was imbedded with the UCONN Women's basketball team as they advanced to the Women's Final Four this season. Prior to joining SNY in December of 2022, Sherrod spent about a year and a half at the New England Sports Network (NESN) as a reporter and host after working as a weekend sports anchor at WKTV in Utica, New York, for just under two years. Sherrod recently graduated with a master's degree in strategic communications and public relations from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT. She received a bachelor's degree in visual communications from Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, CT, where she played four years of NCAA Division III women's basketball before attending the Connecticut School of Broadcasting, where she received a certificate in broadcast training. Born and raised in Bridgeport, CT, Sherrod is proud of where she comes from. She loves her family and loves all sports, especially soccer and basketball. Her true passion is the growth and development of women in all aspects of sport.



**Jameson Toole, Ph.D.**  
**Cofounder and Former CTO, Fritz AI**



Jameson Toole, Ph.D., has more than 13 years of experience building novel machine learning and applying artificial intelligence to solve real-world problems. He is the cofounder and former chief technology officer (CTO) of Fritz AI, a Boston-based startup. Jameson Toole holds a Ph.D. and MSc from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and holds undergraduate degrees in physics, economics, and applied mathematics from the University of Michigan.

**Rohini Kosoglu**  
**Former Deputy Assistant to President Biden & Domestic Policy Advisor to Vice President Harris;**  
**First South Asian American Woman Domestic Policy Advisor to the Vice President and U.S. Senate**  
**Chief of Staff; Venture Partner, Fusion Fund; Fellow at the Stanford Institute for Human-Centered AI**



Rohini Kosoglu is a leading national policy expert and veteran of the White House, Congress, and presidential campaigns who has been at the forefront of driving transformative change in social, technology, and economic policy over the last two decades. Kosoglu recently served as Deputy Assistant to the President and Domestic Policy Advisor to the Vice President, where she was the first Asian American woman to serve in this position. She is currently a Venture Partner at Fusion Fund, a venture firm that focuses on early-stage technology and health care investments. She also is a Fellow at the Stanford Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI) and Director of Innovation Policy at the Stanford Byers Center for Biodesign.

In the White House, Kosoglu led and promoted initiatives on behalf of the President and Vice President to strengthen democracy, advance gender and racial equity, and create economic mobility for millions of American workers and families. Kosoglu also served as a key advisor during the creation and implementation of the American Rescue Plan, including the national response to the COVID-19 crisis, the CHIPS Act, the AI Bill of Rights, the bipartisan infrastructure law and the Cancer Moonshot. On behalf of the Vice President, she helped forge a number of public-private partnerships in the White House, ultimately driving billions of private sector dollars towards national priorities of the President and Vice President and leveraged the strengths of both the government and private-sector. Vice President Harris praised Kosoglu as “a brilliant and trusted leader” who “brought vision, strategic judgement, and a depth of experience as our Administration has addressed some of the most urgent challenges facing our nation.”

Kosoglu served as a Senior Advisor during both the Presidential transition and 2020 U.S. Presidential election on behalf of President Biden and Vice President Harris. In her campaign role, she also helped manage debate preparations for Vice President Harris. During the 2020 election, Kosoglu crafted policy initiatives to design a more inclusive economy for all communities, particularly those that have been historically left behind, and increase opportunities for American families and workers to succeed.

Earlier, Kosoglu made history as the first South Asian American woman to serve as Chief of Staff in the United States Senate under then-U.S. Senator Kamala Harris. She managed hearing preparations for some of the highest-profile Senate hearings over the last decade including investigations around data privacy,

cybersecurity, and social media interference during the 2016 U.S. presidential election, as well as Supreme Court nomination hearings. Additionally, under her organizational leadership, the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies named Harris' office under Kosoglu's tenure as the most diverse in the U.S. Senate.

Kosoglu's career in the United States Congress has also included over a decade of leadership positions crafting social, economic, and technology policy initiatives with senior Democratic Senators, including U.S. Senator Michael Bennet of Colorado and U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow of Michigan. Notably, Kosoglu was a key negotiator during the passage of the historic Affordable Care Act. She also was a lead negotiator and drafter during the reform of the Food and Drug Administration which led to landmark designations for approval of innovative drugs and devices, known today as Breakthrough Therapies and Breakthrough Devices, respectively, as well as laws to strengthen patient-centered care in the 21st Century Cures Act.

### **Jason Benitez**

#### **Vice President, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), Capital Region Chamber**



Jason Benitez, vice president of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) with the Capital Region Chamber, assists businesses and organizations in the Capital Region and beyond in embarking on and advancing their DEI journey. Benitez also works to further the Chamber's strategic mission relevant to DEI. He previously worked for 15-plus years in higher education at the University at Albany, SUNY Schenectady, and Union College, where he served as associate dean of diversity and inclusion. He serves on the national board of directors and is



chair of the DEI division for the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives and is a board trustee for the Northeastern, New York, chapter of the Make a Wish foundation. Benitez holds a bachelor's degree, master's degree, and a certificate of advanced study from the University at Albany. He lives in Slingerlands, New York, with his wife and two children.

**Todd Britton****Chief Information Officer, Medicaid Systems, New York State Department of Health**

Todd Britton was selected in March 2022 to serve as the New York State Department of Health, Office of Health Insurance Program's (NYSDOH-OHIP) chief information officer (CIO). In this position, Britton oversees the state's Medicaid Management Information Systems (MMIS) information technology portfolio, valued at more than \$500 million. As the CIO, Britton serves in a principal advisor role to the New York State Medicaid director, planning the strategic direction of the NYS MMIS and the deployment of resources to astutely meet and exceed the expectations of NYSDOH's customers, while meeting the demands for Medicaid reform. He is responsible for the various systems within the Division of Operations and Systems (DOS). This entails coordinating with and providing advice to NYSDOH senior leadership regarding IT, information management, information assurance, and website activities management and operations.

Prior to his selection as CIO, Britton served as the deputy CIO for nearly three years. He also served as the executive director for the Program Management Office at the Office of the New York State Comptroller (OSC). While at OSC, Britton was instrumental in establishing an enterprise program management office, which built upon the project management methodologies and services in place to establish a mature business analysis center of excellence, providing business analysis services, training, and mentoring in the profession. Britton took the lead in improving project and portfolio oversight for an IT portfolio exceeding \$100 million dollars. He provided executive leadership and oversight in the areas of project management, business analysis, information governance, compliance, and departmental policy.

Britton has held several leadership roles during his tenure in the information technology and healthcare administration fields. He has more than 10 years of experience in the planning, development, delivery, and monitoring of technical solutions that address and support the missions of his customers.

Britton holds a BSA in accounting and auditing from The College of Saint Rose. In addition, he has completed the Key Executive Leadership Certificate program and holds a variety of technical and professional certifications. He has also served on numerous boards and in cochair positions throughout his 30-plus years in health and human services in New York State.

**Kim Hill Ridley****Chief Disability Officer, New York State Office of the Chief Disability Officer**

Kim Hill Ridley was appointed by Governor Kathy Hochul to serve as New York State's first-ever chief disability officer (CDO) on February 14, 2022 – the same day that New York's Office of the Chief Disability Officer was created by law within the New York State Executive Chamber, making New York one of the first states in the country to establish such an office. Ridley has been charged with advising the governor and executive staff on policy and budgetary issues pertaining to disability issues, serving as the state's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) coordinator and chairing New York's Most Integrated Services Coordinating Council, which is responsible for the state's compliance with the Olmstead Act.

Ridley and her team spend a significant amount of their time meeting with advocates and people with disabilities and their families and focusing on priority topics such as home care, employment, housing, accessibility, and transportation. They also collaborate with state agencies to reduce the silos that exist within the many service delivery systems in New York State.

Prior to joining the New York State Executive Chamber, Ridley served as the principal analyst for the New York State Assembly Standing Committee on People with Disabilities, which focuses primarily on people with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Previously, Ridley served as director of the Assembly Task Force on People with Disabilities, which focused primarily on issues pertaining to people with physical and sensory disabilities.

Ridley holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Utica College of Syracuse University and resides in Latham, New York with her husband, Michael, and her two children, Michaela and Alex.

**Josh Klemm****Chief Information Officer, New York State Thruway Authority**

Josh Klemm was appointed as the chief information officer of the New York State Thruway Authority in October 2021. He previously served in a variety of positions during his 20-year information technology career, including 14 years with the state of New York. Klemm served as chief information security officer and director of the Bureau of Systems and Informatics at the New York State Department of Health, where he and his team played a critical role in developing the systems and reports for the state's COVID-19 response. In addition, they ran the All Payer Database, Statewide Planning and Research Cooperative System (SPARCS), provider directory, and master data management systems. Klemm also held positions with

the AIDS Institute and with the Department of Labor. He received a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Science from the University at Albany, where he serves as an adjunct lecturer in informatics with the College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security, and Cybersecurity.

**David P. Schaeffer****Audit Manager, New York State Office of the State Comptroller**

David P. Schaeffer has more than 17 years of government auditing experience with the Office of the New York State Comptroller's Division of State Government Accountability (SGA), covering New York City (NYC) agencies and the New York State Medicaid program. Currently, Schaeffer leads SGA's new Artificial Intelligence (AI) Unit, auditing AI and emerging technology. This resulted in one of the first audits on AI performed by state auditors, who assessed NYC's AI governance. Schaeffer manages multiple audit teams, which use advanced data analytic skills to research and audit, and he is a founding member of the Data Consult Team, which is an internal resource for audit teams to help identify data

sets and methodologies to assist in their audits and to improve data literacy division-wide. Prior to working for SGA, Schaeffer studied political science and public policy at the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy at the University at Albany, State University of New York, and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2006.

**Deborah Szajngarten****Vice President of Marketing, Carbyne**

Deborah Szajngarten is the vice president of marketing at Carbyne, a global leader in mission-critical contact center technologies. With extensive experience in marketing and communications, she is a dynamic executive known for her strong focus on driving growth and market expansion in emerging technology companies. Her career is highlighted by significant contributions to growth-stage tech companies, where she has been instrumental in crafting marketing strategies that boost credibility and market presence during crucial growth phases. Before joining Carbyne, Szajngarten worked with startups, such as Vimeo, and mid-stage companies like Radware, as well as major brands, including Canon and Samsung,

where she refined her skills and made significant contributions to their marketing efforts.

**Rumi Chunara, Ph.D.****Associate Professor, New York University (NYU)**

Rumi Chunara's research focuses on developing computational and statistical approaches to use data holistically across healthcare, social, environmental and policy factors, to improve population-level public health. At NYU, Chunara also directs the Center for Health Data Science. Previously, she was a postdoctoral fellow and instructor at HealthMap and the Children's Hospital Informatics Program at Harvard Medical School. She completed her Ph.D. at the Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology and her BSc at Caltech. She has received awards from the National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) program, Facebook Research, and Gates Foundation Grand

Challenges. In addition, she was recognized by MIT Technology Review as a "Top 35 Innovators Under 35" and received the Max Planck Sabbatical Award.

**Margarida Barroso, Ph.D.****Professor, Department of Molecular and Cellular Physiology, Albany Medical College**

Margarida Barroso, Ph.D., is a professor with the Department of Molecular and Cellular Physiology, Albany Medical College (AMC) in Albany, New York. Barroso is also the director of the AMC Imaging Core Facility and an adjunct professor at the Department of Biomedical Engineering, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York. She received her Ph.D. in genetics from the University of Lisbon/Gulbenkian Institute of Sciences in Portugal and was a post-doctoral fellow at the Department of Molecular Biology, Princeton University.



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Barroso is a renowned expert in Förster resonance energy transfer (FRET) imaging with two issued patents on FRET imaging technology. She is a former president of the Histochemical Society and serves as a council member of the International Federation of Societies for Histochemistry and Cytochemistry. Barroso's diverse expertise integrates basic cell biology with methodological advances in imaging technology to position her research group as a major force in the visualization, quantitation, and optimization of drug delivery into cancer cells using receptor-targeted approaches. She is funded by a New York state Rowley breast cancer research grant and several National Institutes of Health (NIH) grants, including a National Cancer Institute (NCI) Informatics Technology Cancer Research (ITCR) grant to study the application of artificial intelligence in classifying metastatic cancer cells using subcellular features. Recently, she was nominated as an associated member of the NCI Cancer Cell Biology Imaging Research network.

**Joseph Conte, Ph.D., CPHQ****Executive Director, Staten Island Performing Provider System**

Joseph Conte, Ph.D., certified professional in healthcare quality (CPHQ), is the executive director of the Staten Island Performing Provider System (SI PPS). The SI PPS was created to implement the Medicaid redesign program known as the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program. Under Conte's leadership, the SI PPS was recognized by former New York State Medicaid Director Jason Helgeson, as "leading the way" and the "most advanced" in New York (Crains, 2017).

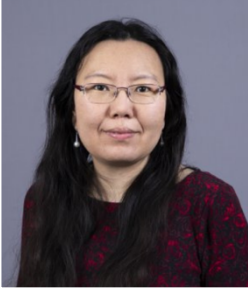


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Previously, Conte was the senior vice president for administration at Richmond University Medical Center, overseeing multiple departments. Prior to that, he was the executive vice president of Catholic Health Services of Long Island. At Northwell, formerly the North Shore-Long Island Jewish (NS-LIJ) Health System, he served for more than 15 years in various executive capacities, including senior vice president for quality, where his innovative strategies culminated in the National Quality Forum National Quality Healthcare Award and the Codman Award for Staten Island University Hospital.

He completed his doctoral dissertation at the Seton Hall University School of Health and Medical Sciences, analyzing the effects of meaningful use of electronic health records on cost, quality, and safety outcomes. Conte has experience in international projects and was recently invited to speak in the Netherlands and the U.K. to discuss healthcare innovation. He has published numerous peer review articles and authored a chapter in the bestselling "Medical Informatics: An Executive Primer."

**Xiaobo Xue Romeiko, Ph.D.**  
**Associate Professor and Graduate Director, University at Albany,**  
**State University of New York**



Xiaobo Xue Romeiko, Ph.D., is an associate professor at the Department of Environmental Health Sciences, University at Albany, State University of New York. Her research focuses on developing computational approaches to assess the environmental health impacts of complex systems and applying those approaches to suggest sustainable and equitable solutions. Her work is funded by a range of federal and nonprofit organizations, such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Science Foundation (NSF), National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research (FFAR) and has been featured by multiple media.

**Fei Wang, Ph.D.**  
**Professor of Population Health Sciences and Emergency Medicine,**  
**Weill Cornell Medicine**



Fei Wang, Ph.D., is a tenured professor of population health sciences and emergency medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine (WCM). His research interest is machine learning and artificial intelligence in biomedicine. He is the founding director of the WCM Institute of AI for Digital Health. Wang has published on major AI venues, including Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), the International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), and knowledge discovery in databases (KDD) conference series as well as major medical venues, including Nature Medicine, Annals of Internal Medicine, and JAMA Internal Medicine. Wang is an elected fellow of the American Medical Informatics Association, American College of Medical Informatics, and International Academy of Health Sciences and Informatics, and a distinguished member of the Association for Computing Machinery. Wang's research has been extensively funded by federal agencies — including the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, and Office of Naval Research — private foundations — including the Michael J. Fox Foundation and American Heart Association — and industries such as Amazon, Google, Boehringer Ingelheim, Regeneron, and Sanofi.

**Dr. Benita Zahn**  
**Health and Wellness Coach; Emmy-Award winning former health reporter and news anchor at WNYT Albany**



Dr. Benita Zahn is a nationally certified health and wellness coach and works with clients at Capital Cardiology Associates in Eastern New York. Zahn spent more than 40 years as a New York Emmy Award-winning health reporter and news anchor at WNYT in Albany, New York. She is a contributor to the weekly "Live Smart" page in the Albany Times Union newspaper, as well as a regular contributor to Pacesetter running magazine, and the magazine 55+. Zahn also created and cohosts the biweekly podcast Everything Theatre. She earned a master's degree and doctorate in bioethics at the Alden March Bioethics Institute at Albany Medical College. A member of the Actors Equity Association and SAG-AFTRA, Zahn performs on many local stages and was recently named Best Actor in the Albany Times Union "Best of" poll.

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