

# Speakers

## Dr. Dheeraj Mahajan

Dr. Dheeraj Mahajan is president and CEO of Chicago Internal Medicine Practice and Research (CIMP, SC) and leads its affiliated group of companies. Dr. Mahajan is the clinical associate professor of medicine at the University of Illinois at Chicago and is also attending physician in the Loyola University affiliated geriatrics fellowship program at Hines VA hospital. He is a Fellow of American College of Physicians and Board certified in Internal Medicine and Geriatric Medicine. Additionally, Dr. Mahajan is a certified medical director, a certified physician advisor in utilization review and healthcare quality management and is certified in infection control and epidemiology. He is a nationally recognized subject matter expert and speaker on physician payment models, clinical documentation improvement, denial management, quality measurement in post-acute and long-term care (PALTC) and transitional care quality improvement. Dr. Mahajan received his MBA with concentration in entrepreneurship and MPH in Health policy analysis from university of Illinois at Chicago. His areas of interest in research include Antimicrobial stewardship, Quality measures, Health information exchange and interoperability.



## Majd Alwan, Phd

Majd Alwan, Ph.D. is the LeadingAge CAST Executive Director. He received his B.S. in electrical engineering from Damascus University, Damascus, Syria in 1988, his M.S. in control engineering with distinction from Bradford University, Bradford, UK, in 1992, and his Ph.D. in electrical engineering (intelligent assistive robotics) in 1997 from Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, University of London, London, UK. Dr. Alwan worked from 1988-1991 for the Higher Institute of Applied Sciences and Technology (HIAST), as a Design Engineer and a Research Assistant. In 1997, he returned to HIAST as a Lecturer and Researcher. In 2002, he joined the Medical Automation Research Center (MARC) at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, as an assistant professor and director of the Robotics and Eldercare Technologies Program. While at MARC, Dr. Alwan published several articles on monitoring technology. Dr. Alwan co-founded Home Guardian LLC, a start-up company that specializes in In-Home Functional and Health Status Monitoring Systems and Services. He is a member of the IEEE's Engineering in Medicine and Biology, and Robotics and Automation Societies. Dr. Alwan is also a member of IEEE-USA's Medical Technology Policy Committee (MTPC) and the Geriatric Care Workgroup (GCW).



## Dr. Steven Buslovich

Dr. Steven Buslovich is an Assistant Clinical Professor at University at Buffalo School of Medicine. He is also the co-founder of Patient Pattern, a clinical decision support software to help manage clinical outcomes and optimize practitioner decision support for PDP. He is a practicing geriatrician and medical director of several nursing homes and post-acute care facilities for TeamHealth. He is an active committee member in the American Geriatrics Society (AGS), Advancing Excellence in Long Term Care Collaborative, Society for PALTC Medicine on the Public Policy and Clinical Practice Guidelines Committee, and has won AMDA's Shark Tank Innovation Award. Dr. Buslovich is working with CMS and ONC to standardize clinical data elements across all post-acute care settings. Dr. Buslovich has presented nationally on PDP to audiences from many organizations and has published a white paper on PDP for Medical Directors that has been distributed to AMDA members.



## Dr. Jessica Zitter

Jessica Zitter, MD, MPH, practices ICU and Palliative Care at the county hospital in Oakland, California. She is the author of Extreme Measures: Finding a Better Path to the End of Life. Her essays and articles have appeared in the New York Times, The Atlantic, the Huffington Post, the Journal of the American Medical Association, and other publications. Her work is featured in the Oscar and Emmy-nominated short documentary, Extremis, now streaming on Netflix. She is a nationally recognized speaker on the topic of dying in America.



## Dr. LuAnn Eidsness

LuAnn M. Eidsness, MD, FACP currently practices hospice and palliative medicine at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD and is board certified with the American Board of Internal Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine. Dr. Eidsness received her hospice medical director certification in 2015 and holds many administrative positions and honors, as well as membership in several professional societies. Dr. Eidsness is an Adjunct Association Professor of Religion, Philosophy and Classics at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, SD and has served in many positions at the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine. Dr. Eidsness completed medical school and residency at the University of South Dakota School of Medicine and graduate school at Augustana College with a Masters in Selected Studies with an emphasis in Ethics.

