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# 2025 FUTURE OF HEALTH SUMMIT: HIGHLIGHTS

**NOVEMBER 4-6, 2025**



# OVERVIEW

The Milken Institute Future of Health Summit convenes the best minds in the world to confront the toughest challenges in health by matching human, financial, and scientific resources with the most innovative and impactful ideas to drive better health outcomes for everyone in every community.

The Future of Health Summit brings together CEOs and senior executives across the health ecosystem annually to advance the Milken Institute's mission and vision to make a lasting impact in areas such as biomedical research and technological innovation, chronic disease and prevention, rare disease research, patient engagement, cell and gene therapies, mental health, longevity, women's health, food as health, health finance trends, the role of the employer in achieving better health, and more.

The next Future of Health Summit will take place in **November 2026**





## SPEAKERS

The Future of Health Summit brought together an exceptional lineup of 211 speakers, creating a vibrant and inclusive forum for health dialogue. The speaker cohort reflected a wide range of perspectives, with women comprising 51 percent of all speakers. Representing six countries, including the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Italy, Saudi Arabia, and the United States Minor Outlying Islands, nearly half—49 percent—were joining a Milken Institute event for the first time, underscoring our commitment to elevating fresh talent and diverse expertise.

Across the Summit, dynamic conversations unfolded on some of today's most urgent health challenges, from healthy longevity and food policy to health-finance trends, patient engagement, and more, offering attendees a rich exchange of ideas that will shape the future of health.



# GLOBAL GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT

Sixteen government officials across the federal, state and local, and international spheres participated in this year's Future of Health Summit, despite the timing coinciding with the longest US government shutdown on record.

In celebration of partnerships across global health, six ambassador residences and embassies hosted welcome dinners ahead of the Summit for approximately 110 guests. Host countries included Argentina, Australia, Italy, Luxembourg, Singapore, and the United Kingdom. Topics of dinner discussion included addressing gaps in clinical research, leveraging venture capital to accelerate health-care innovation, precision prevention as related to aging and longevity, the implementation of AI into health care, and the future of biomedical innovation.

The Summit featured high-level conversations with Jay Bhattacharya, director, National Institutes of Health (NIH); Lucy Chappell, chief scientific adviser, UK Department of Health and Social Care; Chris Klomp, director of Medicare and deputy administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS); Marty Makary, commissioner, Food and Drug Administration (FDA); Jim O'Neill, deputy secretary, US Department of Health and Human Services; and Meena Seshamani, secretary, Maryland Department of Health.



# HEALTH HIGHLIGHTS

Milken Institute Health developed 34 sessions that explored a broad spectrum of interconnected health topics, including biomedical research, technological innovation, chronic disease prevention, rare disease breakthroughs, mental health, patient engagement, healthy aging and longevity, health policy and equity, Food Is Medicine, public health, and beyond.

The solutions-oriented dialogue was displayed at the Future of Health Summit through a variety of discussion such as a plenary on “The Next Era of Women’s Health” featuring Jill Biden, former first lady of the United States; Lupita Nyong’o, Academy Award-winning actress and advocate; and John Whyte, CEO and executive vice president, American Medical Association; and a public session on “Integrating Women’s Health as Health” with speakers Elizabeth Comen, author, medical oncologist, and associate professor of medicine, New York University Langone and Grossman School of Medicine; Debbie Dingell, US representative, Michigan; Bridget Gainer, chief public affairs officer, Aon; and Kalahn Taylor-Clark, vice president and head of social impact and sustainability, Merck.

## Transforming the Future of Women’s Health

The Milken Institute Women’s Health Network is a global collaborative advancing research, innovation, and investment to improve women’s health. Chaired by Jill Biden, former first lady of the United States, governed by a 14-member Steering Committee, and with more than 100 participating members, the network reflects broad collaboration across key sectors, including academia/research, advocacy, corporate/business, finance, health systems, pharma/life sciences, and technology.

The Women’s Health Network gathered on November 4, 2025, for its inaugural in-person meeting focused on the future of women’s health with emphasis on amplifying efforts that address complex and urgent challenges, identifying strategies to catalyze capital, and inspiring opportunities for collaboration and networking.



# PHILANTHROPY HIGHLIGHTS

Milken Institute Strategic Philanthropy brought together thought leaders and innovators in five public sessions and two private sessions, creating a dynamic space for dialogue and insight. Distinguished voices included Karen Knudsen, CEO, Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy, and former CEO, American Cancer Society; Uché Blackstock, CEO and founder, Advancing Health Equity; Patrick Joseph Kennedy, co-founder, The Kennedy Forum; Viviane Poupon, president and CEO, Brain Canada; and Ronald Daniels, president, Johns Hopkins University.

Participants explored a wide array of pressing topics, including biomedical research funding in the US; drug development for rare diseases; promoting health equity for everyone; and advances in mental health, overall brain health, and cancer care. Adding to the Summit's impact, Milken Institute Strategic Philanthropy released a timely report, *Schizophrenia Research and Care: Assessment of Challenges and Opportunities*, which identifies where philanthropists can invest to help improve outcomes for people with schizophrenia.

*The Science Philanthropy Accelerator for Research and Collaboration (SPARC) launched its own website, [sciencephilanthropy.org](https://sciencephilanthropy.org). Built for members of the biomedical or philanthropy ecosystems, the site showcases the depth and interconnectivity of SPARC's expertise in funding advisory, community building, organizational strategy, and funding implementation, all toward advancing biomedical research and health care.*



# AUDIENCE

The Future of Health Summit convened 942 attendees over three impactful days, creating a dynamic forum for collaboration and exchange on critical topics such as health partnerships, innovation, prevention, and longevity. Participants traveled from 18 countries—including the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Saudi Arabia, and United States Minor Outlying Islands—bringing diverse perspectives and expertise that enriched conversations and fostered new connections across the global health community.

The Milken Institute prioritizes accessibility to the event by streaming public sessions via our website ([milkeninstitute.org](http://milkeninstitute.org)) and Vimeo, attracting more than 15,000 views. The top five countries for viewing were the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Mexico, and Singapore.

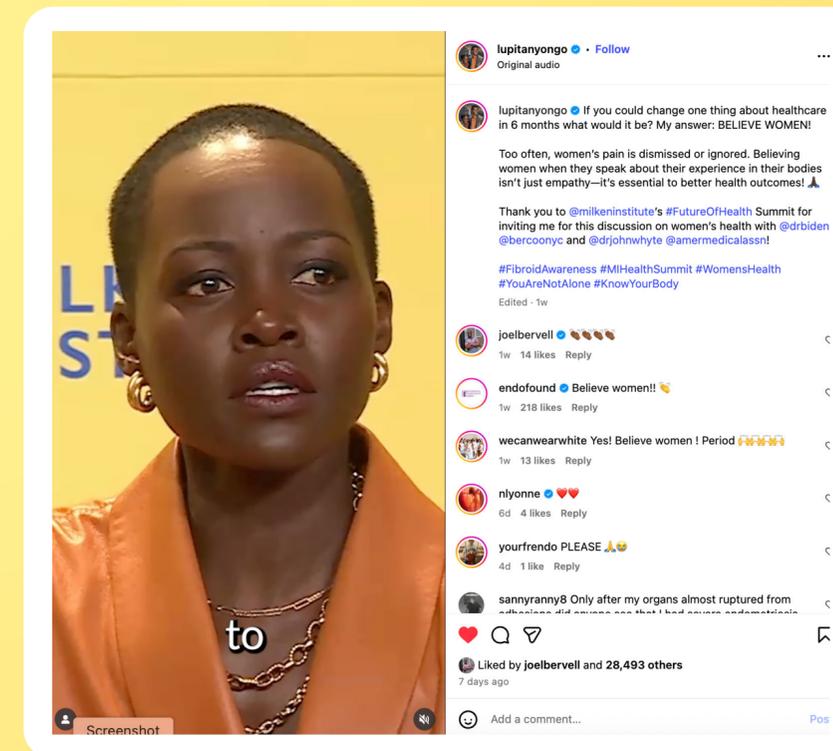
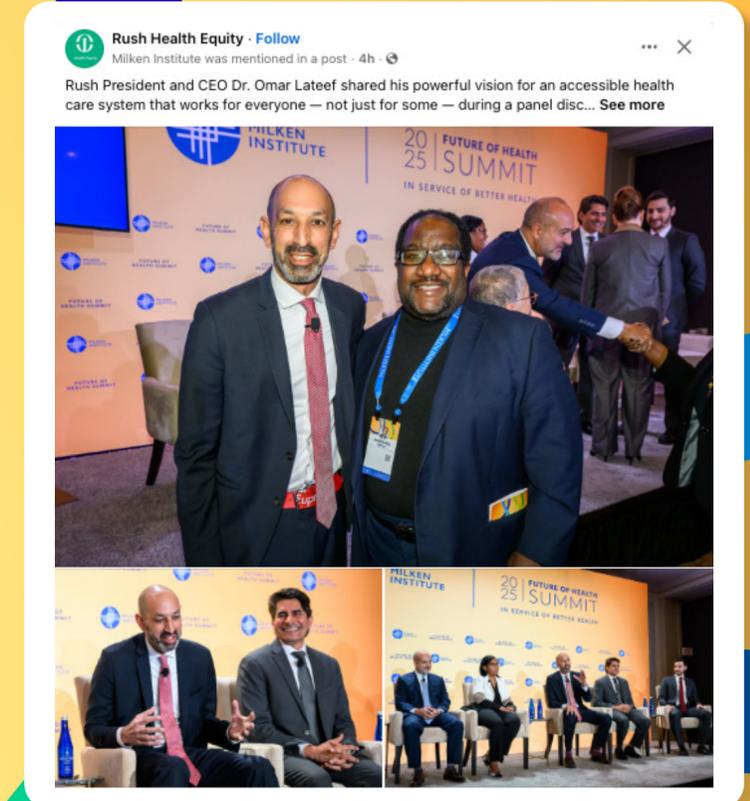
## Most Viewed Sessions

- From Risk to Reward: Advancing Drug Development for Rare Disease
- Leading the Next Era of Health
- A Conversation with FDA Commissioner Marty Makary and CMS Administrator Mehmet Oz
- Health Made Personal: Accelerating Precision Medicine
- Reimagining Mental Health: Innovation at the Intersection of Care and Technology
- A Conversation with National Institutes of Health Director Jay Bhattacharya
- The Breaking Point: America's 63 Million Family Caregivers
- A Conversation with CMS Director of Medicare Chris Klomp
- Democratizing Longevity: Harnessing the Economic Power of Health-Care Institutions
- Innovating Hope: Charting the New Era of Alzheimer's and Other Dementias



# SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

Social conversations around the Future of Health Summit generated strong momentum online, earning 20,000 engagements across platforms. The Summit was referenced roughly 500 times by 200 unique authors, reflecting a wide and active reach. Notable voices joined the dialogue as well, including C-SPAN, the Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation, Tempus, Verily, Lupita Nyong'o, Stand Up to Cancer, and Debi Brooks of the Michael J. Fox Foundation—amplifying the Summit's impact and extending its message to diverse audiences.



# NEWS MEDIA

The Future of Health Summit brought together 56 media registrants representing 19 outlets. Four sessions aired nationally on C-SPAN, including a forward-looking dialogue between Mike Milken and NIH Director Jay Bhattacharya on the future of medical research, and a compelling discussion between Former First Lady Jill Biden, Academy Award-Winning Actress and Advocate Lupita Nyong'o, and John Whyte, CEO and executive vice president, American Medical Association, on advancing global women's health equity.

Content from Future of Health Summit sessions and speakers gained strong media traction, appearing in 61 original and online articles that were subsequently picked up 234 additional times across other publications. Coverage of the Summit reached both mainstream outlets and key trade publications—including C-SPAN, Inside Health Policy, KFF News, POLITICO, the Washington Post, and many more—demonstrating the breadth and relevance of the conversations that unfolded.



# NOTABLE ATTENDING ORGANIZATIONS

## Fortune and Global 500 Organizations

Albertsons

Amazon

Amgen

Apollo Global Management

AstraZeneca

Bank of America

Bayer

Biogen

Centene

Corebridge Financial

CVS Health

Elevance Health

Eli Lilly

Humana

IQVIA Holdings

Johnson & Johnson

Kenvue

Kroger

Leidos Holdings

Lockheed Martin

Manulife

Merck

Microsoft

Morgan Stanley

News Corp

Northwestern Mutual

Novartis

Oracle

Royal Ahold Delhaize

Samsung Electronics

Sanofi

Synchrony Financial

TIAA

Zimmer Biomet Holdings

## Notable Organizations and Nonprofits

American Cancer Society

Aon

Boehringer Ingelheim

Citadel

Kaiser Permanente

The Mayo Clinic

National Institutes of Health

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

The Rockefeller Foundation

Siemens Healthineers

United Healthcare

US Department of Health and Human Services

World Bank

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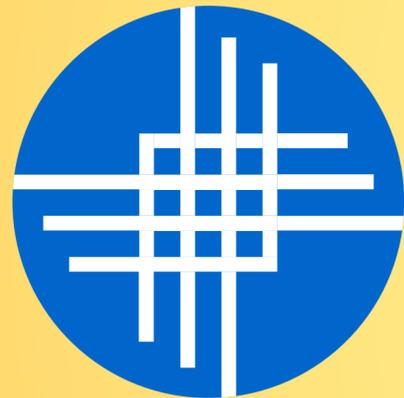
Join us at our upcoming events as we work together to build meaningful lives:

- Future of Finance | Washington, DC | March 3–4, 2026
- Global Investors' Symposium | Hong Kong | March 22–23, 2026
- Global Conference | Los Angeles | May 3–6, 2026
- Asia Summit | Singapore | October 7–9, 2026
- Global Investors' Symposium | Mexico City | October 27–28, 2026
- Future of Health Summit | Washington, DC | November 2026
- Middle East and Africa Summit | Abu Dhabi | December 2026

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