

## Introducing the AHA Center for Health Innovation

It's no secret that health care is changing – rapidly. And how hospitals and health systems respond to the challenges of today will determine how well they can seize the opportunities of tomorrow. Helping the field navigate this transformation is a key priority for the American Hospital Association – and a driving reason behind the development of our agenda for innovation and transformation and the creation of the new [AHA Center for Health Innovation](#).

The Center's work will focus on providing forward-looking market insights, novel partnerships within and outside of the health care field, unique leadership development opportunities, and enhanced capabilities to spread leading practices at-scale.

This work will also include resources for trustees, in partnership with AHA Trustee Services. Trustees are a critical – and sometimes overlooked – ingredient to successful innovation and transformation. Effectively responding to the forces shaping, and sometimes disrupting, the health care field requires an engaged, nimble and prepared board. It also requires strong partnership between the board and senior leadership.

We encourage you to visit our website – [www.aha.org/Center](http://www.aha.org/Center) – to browse our resources and offerings. And please watch for more innovation-focused offerings for trustees and boards in the coming months.



### INNOVATION

## Understanding Affordability and Value in Health Care

By Priya Bathija

Affordability must be discussed in the context of value, which is a function of cost, outcomes and patient experiences.



### HEALTH CARE VALUE

## Building an Age-friendly Health Care System

By Lola Butcher

A growing movement of health care providers is systematically spreading best practices in the care of older adults.



### VIEWPOINT

## Preserving the Distinction Between Management and Governance

By Stephen L. Mansfield

While the board and management share overall responsibility for organizational leadership, essential duties can and must be clearly defined as either the board's or management's responsibility.



### PRACTICAL GOVERNANCE

## New Approaches to Effective Board Decision Making

By Jamie Orlikoff

Seven techniques can help support and strengthen your board's decision-making processes.



### ON-DEMAND WEBINAR

## CEO Succession Planning – Your Must Do's

By Bill Westwood

Boards must follow best practices to ensure that succession planning is smooth, efficient and objective.