



## Kavitha Bhatia, MD, MMM, FAAP, FACHE President and Chair, Prime Healthcare Foundation / Chief Medical Officer of Strategy, Prime Healthcare

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Dr. Kavitha Bhatia is **President and Chair of the Prime Healthcare Foundation**, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit public charity dedicated to improving healthcare through its hospitals and educational and charitable initiatives. Dr. Bhatia also serves as **Chief Medical Officer of Strategy** for Prime Healthcare, an award-winning health system with 51 hospitals in 14 states.

Eighteen of Prime Healthcare's 51 hospitals are not-for-profit members of the Prime Healthcare Foundation that deliver quality healthcare, philanthropy, and service to communities. The Prime Healthcare Foundation has more than \$1.8 billion in assets, and combined with Prime Healthcare, has provided more than \$14 billion in charity care, sponsoring local and global initiatives to forward its mission of improving the lives of others through healthcare and education. To date, the Prime Healthcare Foundation has contributed \$80 million to establish the [California University of Science and Medicine](#) (CUSM), a private, non-profit medical school founded in 2018 in Southern California, with a mission to advance medicine, improve the health of communities, and inspire service in underserved areas. Dr. Bhatia serves as Founding Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees at CUSM, as well as Associate Professor of Medical Education in the CUSM School of Medicine.

As Prime's lead strategist, Dr. Bhatia develops and implements initiatives that advance the mission and long-term success of Prime Healthcare. Dr. Bhatia works with Corporate and hospital leaders to align goals, prioritize system-wide value creation, and implement strategic initiatives to ensure Prime's growth, health equity and continued operational and clinical success. To date, Prime's hospitals have received "100 Top Hospitals" recognition 72 times, and Prime has ranked among the 10 Top and 15 Top health systems in the nation. In 2023, Dr. Bhatia led Prime to receive "A" grades in the Lown Institute Hospitals Index for Social Responsibility, ranking Prime among the top ten health systems in the nation for equity, value, and clinical outcomes.

Dr. Bhatia has been recognized among the nation's top physician leaders, great leaders and strategy officers in Becker's Hospital Review, "Top Pediatrician" by Top Women in Medicine and in 2024, was selected as the winner of the "Inspirational Woman" award by LA Times Studios. Additionally, Dr. Bhatia ranks among the 500 most influential leaders in Los Angeles on the "LA500" list. She is annually recognized among the Los Angeles Business Journal's top physicians, top leaders, and women of influence. Dr. Bhatia also received the "Inspirational Leadership Award" from Beauty Bus Foundation for leading lifesaving work during the COVID-19 pandemic. The awards and recognitions are a result of Dr. Bhatia's work that reflects a deep commitment to expand access to quality compassionate care and address healthcare disparities.

Dr. Bhatia is a pediatrician and is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the California Hospital Association and the Southern California Regional Board of UNICEF USA. She is a Governing Board Member of the Federation of American Hospitals (FAH), and a member of the FAH's Quality and Emergency Preparedness committees. Dr.



Bhatia is also a member of the American Medical Women's Association, the American Medical Association, the UCLA Medical Alumni Association, and Chief.

Dr. Bhatia graduated as a Phi Beta Kappa scholar with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physiology and Neuroscience from the University of California, San Diego. She earned her medical degree from the UCLA School of Medicine, ranked #7 in the nation, where she graduated with Honors and Letters of Distinction in Doctoring. Dr. Bhatia also holds a Certificate in Healthcare Strategy from Harvard Business School and earned a Master of Medical Management from the USC Marshall School of Business. She has been a scholar at world-renowned institutions such as Mass General, Boston Children's Hospital, the All India Institute of Medicine, and a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Dr. Bhatia's philanthropic and community endeavors include serving as a member of the Board of Trustees at Curtis School in Los Angeles; a Founding Board Member of The Association; a member of the Young Presidents' Organization (YPO); and a Grand Benefactor at World Children's Initiative. In service to communities across the nation and globally during the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Bhatia led Prime Healthcare as Chair of the National COVID Committee and the COVID 24/7 Command Center.

Dr. Bhatia's leadership and honorable service led to recognition for extraordinary service from the California Assembly Speaker and other elected officials, County Supervisors, and community leaders. Dr. Bhatia is a member of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) Leadership Circle for House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries and California Congressman Ro Khanna. Globally, through Prime's efforts coordinating humanitarian aid to India during the COVID-19 pandemic, Prime received commendation from India's Ambassador Sigh Sandhu and US Congressional Leaders of the India Caucus.

Committed to improving the lives of others, Dr. Bhatia is also a dedicated philanthropist. Her experiences include caring for the sick in the slums of Calcutta to teaching inner-city youth. For her work with the Missionaries of Charity, she was awarded the Mother Teresa Miraculous Medal. In addition to World Children's Initiative, Dr. Bhatia has served in advisory roles for national and global causes such as Project Heart Uganda. She is also the Executive Director of the Dr. Prem Reddy Family Foundation, a not-for-profit charitable organization dedicated to improving healthcare and providing educational opportunities which include educational grants and annual scholarship programs for promising students pursuing careers in healthcare.

