



## Why Coders Are Key to Better Healthcare

There are currently more than 500,000 computer jobs unfilled in the U.S. While there is a common public misperception that the impact of these job shortages are felt only in the tech sector, in reality the implications are far more broad.

This @Microsoft program examines how data and technology are shifting the workforce demands of the healthcare industry. For example, the availability of “big data” has become instrumental in tracking disease outbreaks and understanding public health trends. In addition, new technologies empower patients to better manage their health and enable doctors to provide the best care possible. While the promise of healthcare technologies is enormous, its benefits may be hampered by the lack of a skilled workforce able to create, manage, and maintain this effort.

Please join us on **Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** to hear from experts discussing how data and technology are transforming the healthcare industry and its workforce needs.

**Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> • 8:30 am – 10:00 am** • *Light refreshments provided.*

### **A PANEL DISCUSSION FEATURING:**

Stephen Cracknell

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Michelle Dunn

*Senior Advisor for Data Science Training, Diversity, and Outreach, [National Institutes of Health](#)*

Lygeia Ricciardi

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*Additional panelists to be announced.*

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**Event Location:** Microsoft Innovation & Policy Center  
901 K Street, NW, 11th Floor, Washington, DC 20001

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