



# 2018 Health Services Research Conference

Partnering for Better Health by Doing What Works

For the third year in a row, HealthInsight is partnering with local stakeholders including Intermountain Healthcare, the University of Utah, Community Faces of Utah, Salt Lake Interfaith Roundtable and the Utah Health Policy Project to host the [2018 Health Services Research Conference: Partnering for Better Health by Doing What Works](#) on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at the Health Sciences Education Building on the University of Utah campus. This innovatively blended conference brings together researchers, health care providers and health professionals with patients, caregivers and community members to engage in discussion and presentations around improving patient-centered research and health care in Utah.

As a recipient of the Eugene Washington Engagement Award (EA-3957) through the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), HealthInsight continues to leverage community relationships to bring diverse cultures and health topics pertinent to the community to this conference. Attendees have the opportunity to learn from each other, discover where health gaps and challenges exist, and how to partner with researchers who can develop meaningful studies that have the potential to produce results that can be effectively implemented directly in the community.

This year's agenda boasts keynote speakers Victor Stevens, PhD from Oregon Health and Science University, who will be speaking about his research in behavioral change for patients with obesity, and Nancy Allen, PhD, from University of Utah's College of Nursing with Jeannette Villalta, patient navigator at Alliance Community Services, speaking about their partnership on a diabetes- focused research study. A lunchtime guest speaker, Helen Levy, PhD, from Princeton University, will also present on the economic impact of Medicaid expansion in Michigan.

Additionally, conference organizers have created a new element to the conference—an exclusive networking event the night prior featuring Pecha Kucha-style presentations from community members and researchers. Similar to a TED Talk, Pecha Kucha events are strictly timed to give audiences a flash dive into a topic. Our event, entitled [Meeting of the Minds: Better Health Research through Community Partnerships](#) will feature an evening of presentations from community members and researchers, complete with dinner and discussion.

Registration for the [HSR Conference](#) and [Meeting of the Minds](#) event are now open and more details can be found at: <https://healthinsight.org/partnering-for-better-health> . Please contact Allie Miraglia with any questions at [amiraglia@healthinsight.org](mailto:amiraglia@healthinsight.org) and we hope to see you there!