



National Center for Healthcare Leadership

THE LEGACY OF GAIL L. WARDEN

Previous Awardees:

2025 - Brian Gragnolati, Immediate Past President & Chief Executive Officer, Atlantic Health

2024 - Catherine Jacobson, former CEO, Froedtert ThedaCare Health

2023 - Melinda L. Estes, MD, President and CEO, Saint Luke's Health System & **Jim Skogsbergh**, CEO, Advocate Health

2022 - Eugene A Woods, President and CEO, Atrium Health

2021 - Maureen Bisognano, President Emerita and Senior Fellow, Institute for Healthcare Improvement

2020 - Beverly Malone, CEO, National League of Nursing

2019 - Rodney F. Hochman, President and CEO, Providence

2018 - Nancy Howell Agee, President and CEO, Carilion Clinic

2017 - Steven H. Lipstein, former President and CEO, BJC HealthCare

2016 - Christine K. Cassel, MD, former Planning Dean, Kaiser Permanente School of Medicine

2015 - Richard J. Umbdenstock, former President & CEO, American Hospital Association

2014 - Nancy Schlichting, former CEO, Henry Ford Health & **Glenn D. Steele, Jr.**, MD, PhD, former President & CEO, Geisinger Health System

2013 - John W. Bluford III, President, Bluford Healthcare Leadership Institute, President Emeritus, Truman Medical Centers

2012 - Mitchell H. Katz, MD, CEO, NYC Health + Hospitals & **Margaret E. O'Kane**, President, National Committee for Quality Assurance

2011 - Michael J. Dowling, President & CEO, Northwell Health

2010 - Robert H. Brook, MD, ScD, Distinguished Chair, Health Care Service, RAND, and Senior Principal Physician Policy Researcher, & Professor, Pardee RAND Graduate School

2009 - Denis A. Cortese, MD, former President & CEO, Mayo Clinic

2008 - Patricia A. Gabow, MD, former CEO, Denver Health

2007 - Thomas M. Priselac, President & CEO, Cedars-Sinai Health System

2006 - Richard J. Davidson, former President, American Hospital Association & **Gary Mecklenburg**, former President & CEO, Northwestern Memorial HealthCare

2005 - William H. Nelson, former President & CEO, Intermountain Healthcare

About Gail L. Warden



The National Center for Healthcare Leadership (NCHL) named the leadership award in honor of Gail L. Warden, founding chairman of NCHL, president emeritus of Henry Ford Health, and one of healthcare's foremost leaders. This distinction recognizes his remarkable accomplishments as an innovator in healthcare delivery, community wellness, and health policy and as a mentor and inspiration to future generations. This enduring tribute is in recognition of Gail's leadership legacy.