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Transforming the Health Continuum Through AI



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AGENDA

DAY I — OCTOBER 7

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS
7:00AM	Registration & Networking Breakfast	
MAIN STAGE		
8:30AM	Opening Remarks	John Zerwas (UT System)
8:45AM	Hosting Institute – Welcome and Open Remarks	Claudia Lucchinetti (UT Austin Dell Medical School) President Davis (UT Austin)
9:00AM	Year in Review	Zain Kazmi (UT System) Peter McCaffrey (UT Medical Branch) Nyma Shah (UT MD Anderson)
9:30AM	Healthcare AI in 2026: Could This Finally Be Our Transformative Moment?	Robert Wachter (UCSF) Brian Dean (UT Health Houston)
10:15AM	A National Path Forward for Trustworthy Health AI	Jason Funderburk (ONC) Brian Anderson (CHAI)
TRANSITION / ROOM CHANGE — 10:45—11:15 AM		

11:15AM *Compute, Chips and AI Factories: Building the Infrastructure for the AI-Native Health System || Room 106*

The AI-Enabled Future Patient Journey
|| Room 103

The AI-Enabled Care Team: Robotics, Sensors and the Future of Care || Room 104

AI State Policy Landscape: Legislative Trends and 2027 Forecast || Room 107

AI Disruption: Health Care in a World of Abundant Intelligence || Room 105

Poster Presentation
|| Room 116

AI at the Bedside: Transforming Nursing and Patient Care || Room 108

12:00PM

Networking Lunch + Sponsor Visitation

GRAND BALLROOM

AFTERNOON PROGRAMMING

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS
MAIN STAGE		
1:30PM	Afternoon Keynote / Fireside Chat: Leading Through AI: Industry, Education and Medicine	Claudia Lucchinetti (UT Austin Dell Medical School) President Davis (UT Austin)
2:15PM	Mirror, Mirror: Digital Twins and the Future of Health	Charley Taylor (Oden) Caroline Chung (UT MD Anderson) Tom Yankeelov (Oden)
3:00PM	From Vision to Reality: Health AI Moonshots	Hongfang Liu (UT Austin Dell Medical School) Moonshot pilot grant teams (UT Real Health AI)
3:30PM	Paying for Intelligence: The Economics of Health AI	Kevin Schulman (Stanford) Stephanie Carlton (CMS)
4:15PM	Break + Sponsor Visitation	
TRANSITION / ROOM CHANGE — 4:30—4:45 PM		

4:45PM	Running the Hospital Like It's 2027: Revenue, Regulation, and ROI Room 103	Practice Synthesis Assistant for Literature Review Room 115	Reducing Toil, Elevating Care: The Value of Robotics in Health Care Room 104	Medicine at the Edge: Engineering Resilient Clinical AI from Orbit to the Rural Frontier Room 108
	The Economics of AI: Can Healthcare Afford the Future? Room 105	From AI Discovery to Real-World Impact Room 106	When AI Meets the Patient: Trust, Choice, and Responsibility Room 107	Poster Presentation Room 116

6:00 – 8:00 PM Networking Reception

END OF DAY I

AGENDA

DAY 2 — OCTOBER 8

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS
MAIN STAGE		
8:00AM	Opening Remarks	Peter McCaffrey (UT Medical Branch)
8:15AM	Building and Scaling Enterprise-Grade Clinician Intelligence	Shiv Rao (Abridge)
9:00AM	Conviction, Company Building, and the Future of Medicine	Jim Breyer (Breyer Capital) Daniel Nadler (OpenEvidence) Morgan Cheatham (Breyer Capital)
10:00AM	REAL Health AI: Progress and Priorities	David Jaffray (UT MD Anderson) Zaki Hakim (UT MD Anderson) Shawn Stapleton (UT MD Anderson) Claus Jensen (UT Austin Dell Medical School) ShuRon Green (UT Health Houston)

10:30AM Break + Sponsor Validation

TRANSITION / ROOM CHANGE — 10:30—11:00AM

11:00AM	Soft Electronics: <i>For Human Sensing and Robotic Care in the AI Age</i> Room 103	Trust, Risk, and Regulation: <i>Navigating AI in Health Care</i> Room 104	The Venture View: What Investors See Next in AI and Health Room 105	Deeper Dive: <i>AIMS / Model Monitoring / HIP</i> Room 106
	AI for Rural Health: Connecting the Point of Care to the Point of Need Room 108	Batteryless AI Wearables: For Continuous Movement-Disorder Monitoring Room 107	Poster Presentation Room 116	

12:00PM

Networking Lunch + Sponsor Visitation
GRAND BALLROOM

AFTERNOON PROGRAMMING

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS
MAIN STAGE		
1:00PM	The AI Skills Gap: Health Care's Next Crisis?	Eric Larsen (TowerBrook Advisors) Nilay Shah (UT Austin Dell Medical School)
1:45PM	AI-Ready Healthcare Education: Building Trust, Skills, and Responsible Practice	Susan Fenton (UT Health Houston) Susan McBride (UT Tyler) Uday Singh (UT Health Houston)
2:15PM	Business Education for an AI-Driven World	Bradley Staats (UT Austin McCombs School of Business) Edward Sankary (UT San Antonio)
2:45PM	Using AI to Strengthen Humanity in Healthcare	Jennifer Bickel (UT MD Anderson) Faiyaz Bhojani (UT Health Houston) Jochen Reiser (UT Medical Branch) Mike Epperly (UT Medical Branch)
3:15PM	Symposium Review - UT REAL Focused	Claudia Lucchinetti (UT Austin Dell Medical School)
END OF DAY 2		

