

Speaker Bio



Dr. Niraj Sehgal is a hospitalist, a Professor of Medicine, and the Vice President & Chief Quality Officer for UCSF Health. Over the years, his academic interests have focused on improving healthcare systems by leading initiatives that foster teamwork & communication, promote a culture for learning and improvement, and support workforce development as key strategies to deliver better patient outcomes.

His past leadership roles include directing a hospital medicine service, developing a faculty development program, directing a portfolio of physician leadership programs, leading quality/safety in the Department of Medicine, and serving as an editor the federally-funded patient safety website, AHRQ Patient Safety Network. Many of these programs led to peer-reviewed publications and opportunities to speak nationally about quality, safety, and models for academic engagement, particularly around methods to cultivate a closer marriage between the clinical and educational enterprises.

Niraj graduated from Washington University in St. Louis, earned his medical degree from Rush University in Chicago and a Master's in Public Health from UC Berkeley. He was a resident and chief resident at Stanford University before completing a health services research fellowship at the Stanford Prevention Research Center. He was later a selected fellow of the California Healthcare Foundation Leadership Program and also recognized for his teaching and mentoring excellence with induction into UCSF's Academy of Medical Educators. Niraj is a Chicago native and a diehard Chicago sports fan though he and his family now prefer the outdoors of Northern California over the Midwest winters.