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Waterhouse Room, Gordon Hall

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“How to Lead High Impact Strategic Initiatives to Rapidly Improve Healthcare Workforce & Delivery Disparities”

Julie Silver, MD is an Associate Professor and the Associate Chair for Strategic Initiatives at in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Harvard Medical School and the Spaulding Rehabilitation Network. Dr. Silver’s work has focused on improving gaps in the delivery of healthcare services, particularly cancer rehabilitation. She has published many scientific reports and is well-known for her ground-breaking work on “impairment driven cancer rehabilitation” which was initially published in the journal CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians--a high impact factor oncology journal that is published by the American Cancer Society. Impairment-driven cancer rehabilitation was subsequently incorporated into the American Cancer Society’s Facts & Figures. Dr. Silver is the co-founder and co-director of the Cancer Rehabilitation Group for the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine—a research focused interdisciplinary professional society. She developed a best practices model for cancer rehabilitation care that hundreds of U.S. hospitals adopted, and it was featured by the Discovery Channel’s TV show Innovations. Dr. Silver’s work has also focused on improving disparities in the healthcare workforce. She has led numerous high impact strategic initiatives aimed at supporting rapid change. She has taught many physicians, researchers and healthcare administrators how to lead impactful initiatives. Dr. Silver has also written and edited numerous books and is formerly the Chief Editor of Books for Harvard Health Publications—the official publishing division for Harvard Medical School. She currently directs two annual 3-day CME courses at Harvard Medical School: “Career Advancement and Leadership Skills for Women in Healthcare” and “Writing, Publishing and Social Media for Healthcare Professionals”. Her work has been recognized by the American Cancer Society (Lane Adams Quality of Life Award), Massachusetts General Hospital (The One Hundred) and The Boston Globe (Top Innovator in Medicine). Dr. Silver is currently affiliated with several Harvard teaching hospitals including Spaulding Rehabilitation, Massachusetts General and Brigham and Women’s Hospitals. Her work has been featured in many media outlets including The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Boston Globe, The LA Times, USA Today, The London Times and NPR. She has also appeared on numerous TV shows including the CBS Early Show, The Today Show, Fox News, ABC News and Dr. Oz.

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