



## Biographical brief: Karen Wolk Feinstein, PhD



Dr. Feinstein is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Jewish Healthcare Foundation (JHF) and its two supporting organizations, the Pittsburgh Regional Health Initiative (PRHI) and Health Careers Futures (HCF). Together they perform a unique mix of grant making, research, teaching, coaching, resource development, and project management.

Under her leadership, JHF and PRHI have become a leading voice in patient safety, healthcare quality and related workforce issues. When Dr. Feinstein founded PRHI, it was among the nation's first regional multi-stakeholder quality coalitions devoted simultaneously to advancing efficiency, best practices, and safety by applying industrial engineering principles. Dr. Feinstein also founded Health Careers Futures to assist the region's healthcare industry in attracting, preparing, and retaining employees, and was a leader in the formation of the Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement (NRHI), a national coalition of Regional Health Improvement Collaboratives.

Dr. Feinstein frequently presents at national and international conferences. She is the author of numerous regional and national publications on quality and safety. In a previous life, she was the editor of the *Urban & Social Change Review*, and she is the editor of the book *Moving Beyond Repair: Perfecting Health Care*. Additionally, she has served on the faculties of Boston College, Carnegie Mellon University, and the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Feinstein is a past President of Grantmakers In Health and Grantmakers of Western Pa., and co-chair of the Pennsylvania Health Funders Collaborative. She serves on many nonprofit, governmental and for-profit boards, including Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement, the United Way, the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, and on the Allegheny Parks Foundation. She is on the Board of Visitors of the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public Health, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, and Global Studies Program.

Dr. Feinstein earned her bachelor's degree at Brown University, her master's at Boston College, and her doctorate at Brandeis University.

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