
Speaker: Dr. Neel Shah

Dr. Neel Shah, MD, MPP is an Assistant Professor at Harvard Medical School and the Ariadne Labs for Health Systems Innovation. He is an expert in designing, testing, and spreading system interventions that improve the safety, affordability, and experience of patient care. As an obstetrician-gynecologist at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Dr. Shah cares for patients during critical life moments that range from surgery to primary care to childbirth.



Prior to joining the faculty, Dr. Shah founded Costs of Care, a global NGO that uses clinician insights to help delivery systems provide better care at lower cost. He is listed among the "40 smartest people in health care" by the Becker's Hospital Review, and has been profiled by the New York Times, CNN, the New England Journal of Medicine, and other outlets for his efforts to demonstrate how over-treatment can harm patients.

In 2015, Dr. Shah co-authored the book Understanding Value-Based Healthcare (McGraw-Hill), which Don Berwick has called "an instant classic" and Atul Gawande called "a masterful primer for all clinicians."

Presentation Title: Creating Safe Options for Birth Settings - A Crucial Conversation!

At its core, the debate on the safety of out-of-hospital birth is not about the superiority of midwives over doctors or hospitals over homes. It is about treatment intensity and when enough is enough. Patients in the healthcare system can be harmed when we fail to do enough as well as when we do too much. Currently, the majority of healthy mothers may be exposed to avoidable risks from our tendency to do too much during childbirth.



Objectives

1. Understand the potential safety concerns for out-of-hospital birth.
2. Understand the potential safety concerns of hospital birth.
3. Consider alternate system designs that enable risk-appropriate and coordinated care.