



## Health Policy In Action

Fueling health policy solutions through scholarship and science

### Our Approach

Duke University launched the Duke-Margolis Institute for Health Policy in 2016 with a mission to improve health, health equity, and the value of health care through practical, innovative and evidence-based solutions.

Our mission reflects the reality that a wide range of academic disciplines can and should inform health policies—the plans, decisions, and actions undertaken to advance health care and population health goals.

In forming a university-wide Institute that supports both health policy research and educational programming, Duke and Duke-Margolis are committed to leveraging the breadth of their collective expertise and perspectives to advance evidence-based health policy and to achieving better health and greater health equity in the state, nationally, and around the globe.

#### INSIGHTS & QUESTIONS

from Engaging and Understanding Stakeholders and Institutions

#### EVIDENCE

from Partnering with Duke Faculty, Researchers, and Students

**ACTIONABLE POLICY**  
through  
**Duke-Margolis**  
Synthesis and Practical Translation

#### IMPACT

through Collaborations to Inform the Plans, Decisions, and Actions of  
**FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS**  
**HEALTH SECTOR INSTITUTIONS**  
**OTHER NATIONS**



### Our Work

Duke-Margolis seeks to analyze and formulate health policy to further evidence-based, actionable, and effective solutions. Our focus is on

- **Transforming health care** so that it is more accessible, affordable, equitable, and capable of delivering higher quality and value
- **Driving biomedical innovation** to improve how drugs, devices, diagnostics, and medical services are developed, paid for, and used
- **Educating the next generation** as the University's hub for health policy education by providing experiential, interdisciplinary learning for undergraduate and graduate students across Duke.

Our work across the Center also provides guidance and strategic analysis on:

**Building public health and health care collaborations to improve population health and health care resilience** via policy reforms that leverage emerging 21st century medical and health system capabilities

**Advancing health equity** through policy research and leadership aimed at significantly reducing health inequities, and

**Pursuing global health policy solutions** to support health system transformation to achieve better population health.

### Focus Areas



Health Care Transformation



Biomedical Innovation



Education & Workforce Development

### Cross-Cutting Themes



21st Century Public Health



Health Equity



Global Health



## Spotlight on Impact

Through health policy analysis and development, the Institute advances actionable and effective solutions to address the most daunting health care challenges. Our innovative research and education model leverages Duke's unique and diverse Faculty and resources, together with the collaboration of our expert research teams and policy maker networks to develop and advance evidence-based, actionable reforms and solutions. In 2024, Duke-Margolis has identified five emerging initiatives in health policy including:

**Health Policy Competencies:** Duke-Margolis is applying our core competency framework to develop innovative educational programs to equip future health policy leaders with the necessary knowledge, skills, and attributes to anticipate and address complex health care issues effectively.

**Digital Health:** The goal of the emerging Duke-Margolis digital health portfolio is to shape responsible and inclusive digital health and AI policies that foster innovation and improve health while safeguarding patients. Our growing work will address the digital health revolution across multiple fronts, including regulations, payment, safety, effectiveness, and equity.

**Cell and Gene Therapies:** These innovative therapies are beginning to provide new treatment options for patients with previously untreatable conditions, but limits in access and affordability risk reducing their potential to improve the lives of patients who would benefit most. The Duke-Margolis cell and gene therapy policy initiative will tackle key policy issues affecting the innovation, manufacture, regulation, patient outcomes, equitable access, and costs of cell and gene therapies. The goal: advance evidence-based, practical solutions to help ensure equitable and efficient access to these promising treatments.

**State Health Care Transformation:** Duke-Margolis will expand its partnerships to advance health care transformation in North Carolina through rapid response research and policy analysis, evaluation and evidence generation to improve payment and delivery reforms, and stakeholder engagement to assure all perspectives contribute to progress. .

**Bridging Public Health and Health Care:** Duke-Margolis has proposed steps to leverage public and private efforts to improve the health of the nation. This approach reflects growing opportunities for public-private collaborations to enable health care systems to be more prepared and resilient to address health risks in local communities. Importantly, these steps build on current policies to advance payment and care reforms that help health care organizations advance population health.

## Our Health Policy Community

Duke-Margolis serves as an active community for diverse students, faculty, and health policy researchers.

- 81 Core and Affiliated Duke Faculty, from six Duke Schools + three university-wide units
- 60 Researchers and Staff in DC and Durham
- 33 2022-2024 Margolis Scholars—from Public Policy, Law, Business, Medicine, Nursing, Engineering, Population Health Sciences, Global Health, Bioethics, and Science Policy
  - 21 Graduate Students
  - 12 Undergraduate Students
- 72 Margolis Scholar Alumni
- 150+ interns introduced to health policy, with approximately 30 students joining the Center each summer to work with faculty and staff mentors
- 6 Post-doctoral Students from the field of nursing, pediatrics/epidemiology, public health, economics, and health economics

## Our Reach

Through public events, publications, e-newsletters, media, and other contacts, Duke-Margolis reaches more than 91,000 people across the health care ecosystem each month.

## Please Make a Gift

Philanthropy from individuals, foundations, and corporations is critical to our ability to educate tomorrow's health policy leaders and provide evidence-based health policy solutions that affect how health care is delivered, financed, and regulated.

For information on funding opportunities at Duke-Margolis and for information about ways to give, please contact:

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