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AHA releases report about rural health's future

A [new report](#) from the American Hospital Association offers recommendations about the future of rural health care. The report was developed by the AHA's Future of Rural Health Care Task Force. IHA President and CEO Kirk Norris is a member of the task force.

The [report's final recommendations](#) for long-range solutions for improving rural health and health care in America include pursuing innovative solutions and promising practices for care delivery in four areas:

- Create a rural design center within the Center for Medicare and Medicaid's Innovation Center.
- Design public-private funding for core services.
- Develop an online platform and corresponding app that matches rural hospitals with qualified grant writers.
- Form flexible funding programs to support rural hospital infrastructure transformation.



Physician-scientist, innovator Kraft kicks off Noons in June with look at the future of medicine and technology

The pandemic forced the world to work together with unprecedented speed, which bore a new age of health and medical innovation. During the first [Noons in June](#), **Thursday, June 3**, physician-scientist Daniel Kraft, MD, will explain how breakthroughs and advancements, like artificial intelligence-infused antiviral discoveries and laboratory-level diagnostic tools accessible by smartphones, now are paving the way for a more democratized, connected and data-driven future

Dr. Kraft is a Stanford- and Harvard-trained physician-scientist, inventor, entrepreneur and innovator. With more than 25 years of experience in clinical practice, biomedical research and health care innovation, he has chaired the Medicine for Singularity University since its inception in 2008 and is the founder and chair of Exponential Medicine, a program that explores convergent, rapidly developing technologies and their potential in biomedicine and health care. A favorite of Iowa Hospital Association members, Dr. Kraft has been a keynote speaker at both a previous summer forum and annual meeting.

Click [HERE](#) to register for access to all four Noons in June from Noon-1 pm every Thursday in June. Email questions to [Michelle Ketelsen](#) at IHA.



Celebrate Iowa hospital leaders – nominate your hospital CEO today

Hospitals have successfully managed to overcome so many challenges this past year. If you know a CEO who helped pave a path forward, nominate them for one of IHA's leadership awards. There is still time. The deadline for IHA's leadership awards has been extended to Tuesday, June 15. The awards are presented at the IHA's Annual Meeting in the fall.

There are two hospital CEO awards and one recognizing a hospital or health system trustee. Recipients are individuals whose passion for their work has made a significant positive impact on their hospitals and communities. The awards are:

- **Excellence in Leadership Award** – Presented to an Iowa hospital or health system CEO who has demonstrated notable achievement in administration of the organization and who has contributed to the broader areas of health care or health policy.
- **Excellence in Governance Award** – Recognizes an outstanding trustee or board member who has made a significant contribution to the hospital or health system through leadership and a commitment to excellence.
- **Young Executive Achievement Award** – Presented to a hospital CEO under 40 who has significantly affected the community hospital or health system.

Click [HERE](#) to submit an online nomination form and view the eligibility information. Questions about the nomination process can be emailed to iaannualawards@ihaonline.org.

Behavioral Health Affiliate of Iowa Virtual Summer Conference Series Friday, June 11 • Friday, July 23

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Iowa news

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- [Law to provide greater access to health care in rural Iowa](#)
- [Mental health region access center not coming to Sheldon](#)

National news

- [An eighth US state reaches a critical COVID-19 vaccination milestone](#)
- [CDC study finds rural-urban COVID-19 vaccine disparities](#)
- [The long-term pandemic toll few are talking about](#)

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Upcoming events

- [Iowa Trauma Coordinators Virtual Conference Series](#): Friday, May 28-Friday, June 25.
- [IHA Tee Off Golf Classic](#): Thursday, June 3.
- [NOONS IN JUNE: A Summer Leadership Forum Virtual Series](#): Thursday, June 3-Thursday, June 24.
- [Telemedicine a Year Later: What's Next?](#): Tuesday, June 8.
- [Behavioral Affiliate of Iowa Conference Series](#): Friday, June 11-Friday, July 23.
- [Hospital Regulatory Webinar Series: Swing-bed Fundamentals](#): Tuesday, June 22.
- [2021 CPHQ Virtual Conference](#): Wednesday, July 21.

Hospital jobs site connects hospitals with qualified candidates

Are you looking for qualified health care professionals for your Iowa hospital? [HospitalCareers.com](#) can help. This website connects thousands of nurses, providers and other hospital jobseekers with Iowa hospitals each year and is a main resource for jobseekers looking for work in health care.



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