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IHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS DEEPENS GLOBAL EXPERTISE WITH MEMBERS FROM BRAZIL, NIGERIA

**New members' focus on health care financing, technology will
bring valuable perspectives to IHI's governing body**

Boston, MA – July 17, 2023 – The [Institute for Healthcare Improvement](#) (IHI) has added two new members to its [Board of Directors](#). Dr. Sidney Klajner, President of Sociedade Beneficente Israelita Brasileira Albert Einstein in Brazil, is a global leader in health care technology and innovation. Mrs. Fola Laoye, Co-Founder and CEO of Iwosan Investments Limited in Nigeria, is a strategy, financing, and private equity expert with extensive experience improving access to care and capital across Africa's health care sector. Elected in May, both members will participate in the next meeting of the IHI Board of Directors, taking place in September 2023.

"With the additions of Sidney Klajner and Fola Laoye to the IHI Board of Directors, we have gained valuable voices for the Latin American and African regions, and truly unique health care expertise," said IHI President and CEO, Kedar Mate, MD. "Dr. Klajner's leadership in emerging technology in health care will help our team learn how to better integrate developing technologies into our work with health systems around the world. Mrs. Laoye's authority in financing and investing will enhance our understanding of health care development globally. Their additions to the Board further strengthen our already impressive governing body."

More about the new members:

Sidney Klajner, MD

President, Sociedade Beneficente Israelita Brasileira Albert Einstein, Brazil

"It is a great honor to be part of the IHI Board of Directors, an organization that I deeply admire, and its contributions to enable organizations around the world to achieve effective and lasting excellence in their care practices is undeniable. Einstein is a strategic partner of IHI, in a profound and prolific relationship that has been built for almost 10 years. Now, as a board member, I have a mission to be an agent for change, representing and amplifying the voice of South American healthcare organizations. It is also my mission to extend to the world important learnings from the local healthcare system, such as how to bring more equity in care through pillars like science, research, innovation, and technology."

Dr. Sidney Klajner is a Digestive System Surgeon, Robotic Surgeon, Coloproctologist, and President of Sociedade Beneficente Israelita Brasileira Albert Einstein in Brazil. Since 2018, he has been a part of the Advisory Board of the Fundação Faculdade de Medicina. Additionally, Dr. Klajner is a professor of the Executive MBA in Health Management

program at the Instituto Israelita de Ensino e Pesquisa of Einstein. He is proud to be the author of the book "A Revolução Digital na Saúde" (The Digital Revolution in Health, Editora dos Editores, 2019). Dr. Klajner is among the 10 Brazilian leaders with the most relevant presence on LinkedIn, according to the ranking of the *GV Executivo* magazine, from the Getulio Vargas Foundation, and has been a Top Voice in Health on the social network since 2020. He holds a bachelor's degree, residency, and master's degree from the Faculty of Medicine at the Universidade de São Paulo.

Fola Laoye, MBA

Co-Founder and CEO, Iwosan Investments Limited

"I am excited to join the IHI Board of Directors, as I have had first-hand experience of the excellent work and impact IHI is making across the world in developing capacity for patient safety and health care improvement through the Open School. This is a great opportunity to bring ideas from our ongoing efforts in Nigeria to stimulate impact investment and enhance clinical governance standards to a global platform with the aim of strengthening both local and global health systems. I'm looking forward to being part of this awesome organization."

Mrs. Laoye is the Co-Founder and CEO of Iwosan Investments Limited, a health investment holding company and owner of Iwosan Lagoon Hospitals. Previously, Mrs. Laoye was Director at Investment Fund for Health in Africa (IFHA). She is a founding board member of Hygeia Group Nigeria, founders of Lagoon Hospitals and Hygeia HMO, where she also served as CEO and Chairperson. She is a Trustee of the board of the Society for Quality in Healthcare in Nigeria (SQHN) and sits on numerous other boards. Mrs. Laoye holds an MBA from Harvard Business School and a bachelor's degree from the University of Lagos, Nigeria. She is a Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria.

About the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI)

The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) is an independent not-for-profit organization based in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. For more than 30 years, IHI has used improvement science to advance and sustain better outcomes in health and health systems across the world. IHI brings awareness of safety and quality to millions, catalyzes learning and the systematic improvement of care, develops solutions to previously intractable challenges, and mobilizes health systems, communities, regions, and nations to reduce harm and deaths. IHI collaborates with a growing community to spark bold, inventive ways to improve the health of individuals and populations. IHI generates optimism, harvests fresh ideas, and supports anyone, anywhere who wants to profoundly change health and health care for the better. Learn more at [ihio.org](https://www.ihio.org).

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