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Chief Innovation Officer, UPMC

As Chief Innovation Officer, Dr. Shrestha is responsible for driving UPMC's innovation strategy, serving as a catalyst in transforming the organization into a more patient-focused and economically sustainable system. A cross-functional team collaborator, he is committed to preparing and empowering UPMC for the future of health care. By driving alignment among stakeholders, championing new technologies, and tearing down organizational roadblocks, he creates an environment that accelerates idea generation and the conversion of ideas into reality.

In addition to leading innovation at UPMC, Dr. Shrestha also serves as Executive Vice President of UPMC Enterprises, pushing the needle in the pursuit of a unique blend of health care intelligence, technology expertise, and entrepreneurial drive to develop inventive and commercially successful solutions that address complex health care challenges. Dr. Shrestha leads a team of over 200 technology professionals innovating towards intelligent health care, building patient-centric, value-based technology solutions that are transforming the industry. Through strategic partnerships, joint development agreements, and investment in start-ups, he champions the development, implementation, and commercialization of these innovations.



Dr. Shrestha is a respected thought leader and visionary in the field of health care information technology. A frequent speaker and presenter at national and international health care, innovation, and technology conferences, he was recently recognized as “26 of the Smartest People in Health IT” by *Becker's Hospital Review*, and was acknowledged as one of the “Top 20 Health IT Leaders Driving Change” and as a “Top Healthcare Innovator” by *InformationWeek*.

Prior to leading innovation at UPMC, Dr. Shrestha served as Vice President of Information Technology and was Medical Director of Interoperability and Imaging Informatics at UPMC. Before joining UPMC, Dr. Shrestha was Informatics Director at the University of Southern California, where he was also Professor of Radiology Research at the Keck School of Medicine.

Dr. Shrestha received his medical degree from CCS University in India, completed his fellowship in informatics from the University of London, and earned his MBA from the University of Southern California. He currently serves as the Chair of the Informatics Scientific Program Committee at the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) and is a board member of several innovative organizations, including Omnyx, a UPMC/GE joint venture. He is also a longtime member of the Advisory Board of KLAS Research.