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A BI-WEEKLY LOOK AT THE BUSINESS & POLITICS OF HEALTH CARE IN NEW JERSEY



PRESIDENT & CEO, LINDA SCHWIMMER

Leapfrog Survey Offers Ambulatory Surgery Centers Path to Benchmark and Highlight Their Excellence

Last week I traveled to Washington, D.C., with [Adelisa Perez-Hudgins](#), our Director of Quality, to attend the kickoff meeting of Leapfrog's Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Advisory Committee, which I chair. This was our first in-person gathering, and it provided us with an opportunity to get to know each other, share our perspectives, and to reaffirm our work to advance patient safety in surgeries that take place beyond hospital walls.

Leapfrog launched the [ASC Survey](#) in 2019, recognizing that more than 60 percent of surgeries in the United States are now performed in hospital outpatient units or ASCs. The goal of the survey is to provide consumers, employers, and other purchasers with user friendly information to compare the safety of procedures regardless of whether they are offered at a hospital or an ASC. Completing the survey also enables ASCs to benchmark their quality against their peers, and to use the survey as a patient safety improvement tool to continue their drive for excellence...

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TAYLOR JUSTICE

CO-FOUNDER & PRESIDENT, UNITE US

TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

Interviews with members, influencers, and noteworthy people

Taylor Justice is Co-Founder and President of [Unite Us](#), a technology company that connects health and social services. The organization recently acquired [NowPow](#), a Chicago-based referral platform grounded in science and community. Unite Us is a member of the Quality Institute's [Professional & Technology Council](#).

Interview Sneak Peek: *How is your work helping to address racial inequities in maternal child health?*

Through our work with the [Virginia Department of Health](#), several Maternal and Child Health programs — including [WIC](#), [Nurse-Family Partnership](#) and [Healthy Families](#) — are using our Unite Virginia network. We have also brought community-based doulas on board across the state and are steadily growing the breadth and depth of programs serving pregnant and parenting families across the state.

In California, we're addressing Adverse Childhood Events (ACEs) initiatives in several counties, and we're confident that these types of models can be replicated in other parts of the country. In short, we provide the longitudinal journey and access for all these historically siloed industries to coordinate care with each other, so that collectively we can improve overall health and wellbeing of individuals. I should add that people must give their consent if they want to participate; Unite Us is HITRUST, SOC 2, and NIST certified, and follows the highest security frameworks in the industry. People drive the ship of their own care and can revoke consent at any time.

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Save the Date: Wednesday, May 18th for our first in-person Spring All-Council Conference since 2019, *Building a Health Care Workforce for the Future*.

begin at 2:30pm and **we will begin the conference at 3:00 pm.** ^{Transl} More details to be announced soon. We can't wait to see you!

**Covid-19 safety protocol: all attendees will be required to provide proof of vaccination.*



For information on how to join, please contact Virginia Tesser at vtesser@njhcqi.org.

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