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THE GTMR<sub>x</sub> INSTITUTE**

“From my early years in pharmacy and the practice of medicine, I’ve had a desire to improve the system of care. I’ve always struggled with the fact that it takes extraordinary efforts to create what should be predictable and knowledge-driven, good care.

The efficacy of drugs isn’t about taking the pill, but who’s coaching the patient, the environment the patient lives in and who is on the team around the patient. What I find exciting about the GTMR<sub>x</sub> Institute is the desire to not just educate the clinician, pharmacists, and other members of the delivery system, but also patient groups, employers, Congress and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), by helping them understand what good care looks like.”

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As vice president and chief medical officer at Health New England, Ira Klein is responsible for ensuring the quality and cost-effectiveness of health care services for Health New England members, with a focus on clinical excellence, innovation and technology to improve health outcomes.

Before joining Health New England in 2020, Ira served as senior director and lead, Healthcare Quality Strategy at Janssen for Johnson and Johnson, Inc., in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Previously, he held various positions at Aetna, Inc., in Hartford, Connecticut, including medical director, patient management, Northeast Region; senior medical director and analyst, National Accounts; and chief of staff and national medical director, Clinical Thought Leadership.

Ira is a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine and a member of the American College of Physicians. He is a certified health insurance executive with the Association of Health Insurance Plans, Executive Leadership Program. Ira has published articles in several medical and insurance industry journals.

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