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### Focus:

Healthcare Policy | Healthcare Information Technology | Opioid Crisis | Physician Engagement | Physician Burnout | Clinical Integration | MACRA/MIPS | Healthcare Reform | Alternative Payment Models

### Education:

B.A. - Philosophy - Tufts University  
M.D. - Doctor of Medicine - Tufts University  
M.A. - Executive Master of Healthcare Leadership - Brown University

### Background:

As the Vice President of Clinical Integration at the Massachusetts Health & Hospital Association (MHA), Steve's responsibilities include strategic leadership, education and policy initiatives which facilitate MHA members' transitions in meeting key health delivery reform imperatives at the federal and state levels, with a focus on physician relationships. In particular, Steve leads MHA's Physician/Hospital Integration Collaborative (PHIC) and the

Physician Leadership Council (PLC), coordinating efforts with MHA staff on related technical and policy matters. Steve contributes the physician perspective, selecting MHA goals related to clinical issues, including quality of care, patient safety, public health information and health information technology. As a result of these activities Steve contributes to a strong public presence for MHA, serving as its lead representative and spokesperson on physician-related issues.

Steve currently serves as Co-chair of the statewide Massachusetts Medical Society-Massachusetts Health & Hospital Association Joint Task Force on Physician Burnout. Steve spearheaded physician engagement on MHA's Substance Use Disorder Prevention and Treatment Task Force. He recently coauthored MHA's "State of the State: Reducing Readmissions in Massachusetts," and the "Report of the MHA Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Task Force." Steve provides value to and enhances collaboration with, MHA hospital-affiliated medical practices, as well as serving as a liaison to hospital-employed and hospital affiliated physicians. A strong patient advocate, he continues to practice MRI.

Steve is passionate about the benefits of a transformed delivery system. On his clinical day, Steve also serves as a Medical Advisor to SphereGen and he is a healthcare policy webmaster/author at: [www.Defosays.com](http://www.Defosays.com). Before joining MHA, he was a multi-term Medical Staff President at Northeast Hospital Corporation where he led physician engagement during the Northeast Health System's merger with Lahey Health. He was then selected as a founding Trustee of the new parent company, Lahey Health. As a board member of Lahey Health, Northeast Health System, and Northeast Hospital Corporation, he was a member of the quality, finance and investment committees. Steve was the long term President of MRI Radiologists of the North Shore and served as the long term MRI Medical Director at Beverly Hospital and North Shore Magnetic Imaging Center. He is a sought after speaker on matters of health policy, combating the opioid epidemic, physician engagement, physician burnout, public health, leadership, healthcare reform, MACRA/MIPS and alternative payment models in Massachusetts and nationally.

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