



## 2026 STI Forum Speakers' List

### Virtual Side Event; 2026 – V-18 Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Clinical Medical and Surgical Practice

Date: 06 May 2026; Time: 10 am to 11:15 am (EST,  
New York time)

## List of Speakers / Meet the Speakers / Agenda

- **Dr. Rita Luthra, MD**  
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*Introduction, Moderator and WHEC Statement*

### **From University of Southern California (USA)**

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*Artificial Intelligence (AI) and New Pediatric Devices!*

### **From Canada (UN, WHO, UNESCO Member State)**

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*Artificial Intelligence (AI) and HIPPA-Compliant Learning Management*

*Abstract: The convergence of artificial intelligence (AI), a HIPAA-compliant Learning Management System (LMS), and virtual health platforms offers a scalable, secure framework for continuous professional development and patient education that directly elevates clinical practice and public health outcomes. This integrated system employs AI-driven adaptive learning algorithms to deliver personalized, competency-based educational modules—tailored in real time to a clinician’s case load, performance analytics, and de-identified patient data—while embedding them seamlessly within telehealth workflows. Physicians and allied providers access and offer just-in-time micro-courses, interactive simulations, and predictive gap-analysis dashboards during or immediately after virtual consultations, eliminating traditional barriers of time, geography, and relevance.*

## **From India (UN, WHO and UNESCO Member State)**

- **Dr. Manisha Jhawar**

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*Technology in Preventing Maternal Near Miss: Can Machines Save Mothers*

## **From Springfield, MA (USA)**

- **Mr. David M. DiSabito Jr, MBA**

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## *Can Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) and Agentic AI Transform Clinical Medicine and Surgery Safely?*

### **AGENDA**

**10:00am to 10:15 am (15 Minutes) Dr. Rita Luthra**, Introduction and WHEC Statement

**10:15 am to 10:30 am(15 Minutes) Dr. Colleen Kraft**; AI and new pediatric devices

**10:30 am to 10:50 am (20 Minutes) Dr. Bharat Maheshwari & Brian Payne**  
AI and HIPPA regulation

**10:50 am to 11:05 am (15 Minutes) Dr. Manisha Jhavar**, Technology in preventing Maternal near miss

**11:05 am to 11:15am (15 Minutes) Mr. David DiSabito**, RAG and Agentic AI

**Q & A:** Please contact the Speakers directly, for Q & A. Their contact e-mail, and contact information is provided to you. Thank you.

### **Zoom Link to participate in the Side Event**

Women's Health and Education Center (WHEC) invites you to participate in this Virtual Side Event, hosted by WHEC in the margins of 2026 Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Virtual Side Event; ID: V-18

Title: **Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Clinical Medical and Surgical Practice.**

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Please join few minutes early to settle-in. The Program will start promptly at 10 am.

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