



# UC Center Sacramento

## “The Digital Transformation of Healthcare: Where Do We Stand After COVID-19?”

**Wednesday, May 18th  
12:00 - 1:00pm**

**In light of the community concerns regarding COVID-19, this talk will be given as a webinar. The link will be provided on May 17th to those that have registered by 5:00 pm on Monday, May 16th at [uccs.ucdavis.edu](https://uccs.ucdavis.edu).**

*The COVID-19 pandemic has been a tragedy for millions of patients and had a disastrous impact on the economy, both generally and in healthcare. It has tested healthcare institutions and leaders like nothing in generations. Yet, like all shocks to the system, it has also created opportunities for transformation. In this talk, Dr. Bob Wachter – an international thought leader in quality, safety, health IT, and COVID-19 itself – will describe the impact of COVID-19 on healthcare, with a particular focus on the digital transformation of the healthcare system.*



**Dr. Robert M. Wachter, MD** is Professor and Chair of the Department of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). In 2021-22, the Department was ranked the best internal medicine department in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Dr. Wachter is author of 300 articles and 6 books. He coined the term “hospitalist” in 1996 and is often considered the “father” of the hospitalist field, the fastest growing medical specialty in the U.S. history. He is past president of the Society of Hospital Medicine and past chair of the American Board of Internal Medicine. He has written two books on safety and quality, including *Understanding Patient Safety*, the world’s top selling safety primer. His 2015 book, *The Digital Doctor: Hope, Hype and Harm at the Dawn of Medicine’s Computer Age*, was a *New York Times* science bestseller.

He has received several honors for his work. In 2004, he received the John M. Eisenberg Award, the nation’s top honor in patient safety. Thirteen times, *Modern Healthcare* magazine has ranked him as one of the 50 most influential physician-executives in the U.S.; he was #1 on the list in 2015. He is a Master of the American College of Physicians and an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine.

In 2020-21, his frequent tweets on COVID-19 were viewed more than 250 million times by more than 250,000 followers and served as a trusted source of information on the clinical, public health, and policy issues surrounding the pandemic.

For questions contact Brooke Miller-Jacobs at (916) 445-5161 or [uccs-talks@ucdavis.edu](mailto:uccs-talks@ucdavis.edu)

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