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Gary S. Kaplan, MD, FACP, FACMPE, FACPE, has served as chairman and CEO of the Virginia Mason Health System in Seattle since 2000. He is also a practicing internal medicine physician at Virginia Mason. Dr. Kaplan received a degree in medicine from the University of Michigan and is board certified in internal medicine. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians (FACP), the American College of Medical Practice Executives (FACMPE) and the American College of Physician Executives (FACPE). He is recognized as one of the most influential physician executives in health care. He is a founding member of Health CEOs for Health Reform and has held leadership positions with numerous organizations, including the National Patient Safety Foundation, the Medical Group Management Association, and the Washington Healthcare Forum. Dr. Kaplan is chair of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement Board of Directors and chair for the 2013-2014 term of the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He has been honored nationally for his leadership. In 2013, Dr. Kaplan was selected for membership in the Institute of Medicine, was ranked as one of the “50 Most Influential Physician Executives” by Modern Physician and Modern Healthcare magazines (his eighth time appearing on this prestigious list), was named as one of Modern Healthcare’s “100 Most Influential People in Healthcare,” and was listed as one of the “50 Experts Leading the Field of Patient Safety in the U.S.” in Becker’s Hospital Review. In 2009, he received the John M. Eisenberg Patient Safety and Quality Award for Individual Achievement from the National Quality Forum and The Joint Commission and received the Harry J. Harwick Lifetime Achievement Award from the Medical Group Management Association and the American College of Medical Practice Executives. During Dr. Kaplan’s tenure as chairman and CEO, Virginia Mason has received significant national and international praise for its efforts to transform health care, most notably as the leader in adapting the Toyota Production System for health care. Recent honors include being named a “Top Hospital of the Decade” by The Leapfrog Group, receiving the “Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence™” in 2013 for the third consecutive year and the 2013 “Outstanding Patient Experience Award” from Healthgrades, among various other awards and honors.