



## **Schwartz Center Announces New Board Members Reena Pande, MD, Partner of Oxeon, and Graham Gardner, MD, MBA, Founder and Former CEO of Kyruus Health**

BOSTON (December 16, 2025)— [The Schwartz Center for Compassionate Healthcare](#), an international nonprofit dedicated to partnering with healthcare organizations to advance compassion for patients, care teams, and their healing relationships, has announced the appointment of two new members to its board of directors: **Reena Pande, MD**, and **Graham Gardner, MD, MBA**.

Dr. Pande is a partner at Oxeon and a physician-entrepreneur who served as chief medical officer at AbleTo for nearly a decade, guiding the virtual behavioral health company through its acquisition by Optum/UnitedHealth Group. A Harvard-trained cardiologist with faculty experience at Harvard Medical School, she currently serves on multiple healthcare company boards.

Dr. Gardner is the founder and former CEO of Kyruus Health, where he built the company's market-leading patient access platform. Previously, he was a venture executive at Highland Capital Partners, co-founding Generation Health, a genetic benefit management company, and serving as its chief medical officer through its acquisition by CVS Caremark. A Brown-trained physician with an MBA from Harvard Business School, Dr. Gardner completed his clinical training in internal medicine and cardiology at BIDMC.

"Reena and Graham bring deep expertise in healthcare innovation combined with genuine commitment to the human side of medicine," said **Michael Gustafson, MD, MBA**, chief executive officer of the Schwartz Center. "They've both built their careers at the intersection of clinical excellence and transformative leadership, and I'm excited to work alongside them as we scale our programs to reach more care teams and patients who need support."

"Medicine is at its best when innovation and human connection go hand in hand," said Dr. Pande. "I'm honored to join the Schwartz Center's board and support its mission of ensuring that compassion and humanity remain at the heart of advances in healthcare."

"At a time of incredible strain across the healthcare delivery system, I feel fortunate to contribute to an organization known for its focus on the humanity at the heart of

medical care,” said Dr. Gardner. “Finding innovative and sustainable ways of supporting care givers helps us all benefit from the best of what medicine has to offer.”

With these leadership changes, the Schwartz Center for Compassionate Healthcare continues to strengthen its commitment to championing compassionate, patient-centered care through innovative programs, advocacy, and research.

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## **About the Schwartz Center for Compassionate Healthcare**

The Schwartz Center for Compassionate Healthcare partners with healthcare organizations to advance compassion for patients, care teams, and their healing relationships. There are nearly 800 healthcare organizations throughout the U.S., Canada, the UK, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand running Schwartz Center programs. For three decades, we have been at the forefront of championing meaningful human connections in healthcare. Through our efforts, we have reduced psychological distress in care teams and increased empathetic care for patients – all of which drive improved health outcomes.

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