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Dr. Stephen Swensen is the Mayo Clinic Director for Quality, Associate Dean for Value and Professor in the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. Under his leadership the Quality Academy and the Value Creation System were established. In these programs several thousand staff are trained each year. There are more than 13,000 certified Bronze, Silver and Gold Quality Fellows.

Dr. Swensen is currently on two Boards of Directors: Luther Midelfort Medical Center - Mayo Clinic Health System and Stratis Health, a nonprofit organization that is Minnesota's Medicare Quality Improvement Organization. In the past he served as Director on the Joseph M. Juran Center and TeraMEDICA Boards. He serves as a member of the Mayo Clinic Management Team and the Clinical Practice Committee.

Dr. Swensen chaired the Department of Radiology from 1998-2006. His leadership team used Lean-Sigma and Baldrige methods to improve the value of care for patients provided by 1,200 staff who performed more than one million exams annually. During his tenure the department was recognized as the #1 Radiology Practice in the country (Medical Imaging) and the most patient-centered (Diagnostic Imaging).

He holds a Masters of Medical Management degree from Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz School of Public Policy and Management. He received his MD from the University of Wisconsin. His residency training was at Mayo Clinic and his Thoracic Radiology Fellowship at Harvard Medical School, Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Dr. Swensen is a member of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement faculty. He served as the health care member of The Conference Board's U.S. Quality Council. He is past President of two international societies, the Fleischner Society and the Society of Thoracic Radiology. He chaired the American College of Radiology's Quality Metrics Committee. He led the RSNA's Continuous Quality Improvement Initiative. He is a member of the AAMC Integrating Quality Steering Committee. He founded the Big Sky Quality Roundtable, the Keystone Quality Officer Group and co-founded the Sun Valley Assembly.

He has been Principal Investigator of three NIH grants related to lung cancer screening with CT and diffuse infiltrative lung disease. He has authored two books and over 130 peer-reviewed articles.

Over the two past decades, Dr. Swensen has started three businesses. He has been married for 34 years and has two children. This year he completed his 34th cross-country skiing marathon.

He has no financial conflicts of interest to declare.