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*The future of healthcare.*



## Biography

Ezekiel J. Emanuel is the Vice Provost for Global Initiatives, the Diane v.S. Levy and Robert M. Levy University Professor at the University of Pennsylvania. He is a Special Advisor to the Director General of the WHO.

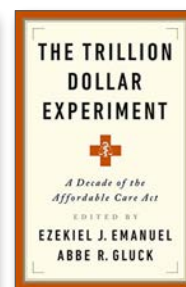
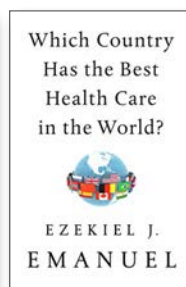
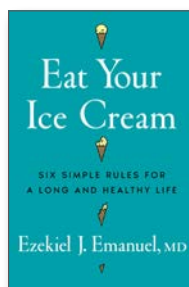
He is one of the leading practitioners shaping the future of healthcare, with a long record of experience at the top levels of policy. He is an engaging, incisive, forthright, and witty speaker on healthcare reform and the transformation of American medicine. Trained both as an oncologist (MD, Harvard Medical School) and a political scientist, Zeke offers a uniquely thoughtful perspective on the most difficult issues in medicine today.

From January 2009 to January 2011, Zeke was a special advisor for health policy to the White House Office of Management and Budget. As one of the most prominent voices advising the White House about healthcare, he had a significant impact on federal healthcare budgets and the Affordable Care Act.

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## Topics & Books

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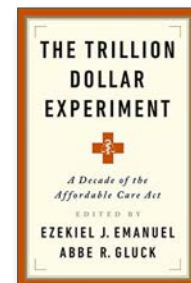
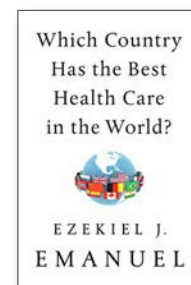
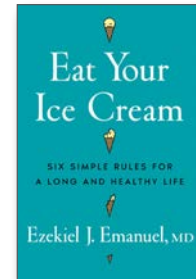


Dr. Emanuel is a founding chair at the Clinical Center of the National Institutes of Health. He currently serves as Chair of the meta-council on The Future of Health Committee for the World Economic Forum. Until 1997, he was an associate professor at the Harvard Medical School.

He has also authored or edited 16 books including his newest, *Eat Your Ice Cream: Six Simple Rules for a Long and Healthy Life* (January 6, 2026). Dr. Emanuel (with Abbe Gluck) co-authored a book titled *The Trillion Dollar Experiment*. Zeke's *Which Country Has the Best Health Care in the World?*, is an examination of ten health care systems across the globe, in search of the best, and *Prescription for the Future*, identifies standout medical organizations that have achieved higher-quality, more patient-focused, and lower-cost care, and from their examples distills twelve transformational practices that could transform the entire healthcare sector.

Dr. Emanuel served on President Clinton's Health Care Task Force, the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC), and the bioethics panel of the Pan-American Healthcare Organization. He developed The Medical Directive, a comprehensive living will that has been endorsed by *Consumer Reports on Health*, *Harvard Health Letter*, *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and many other publications. He has published over 300 peer-reviewed articles on the ethics of clinical research, health care reform, international research ethics, end of life care issues, euthanasia, the ethics of managed care, and the physician-patient relationship. He is also a contributor to Fox News offering healthcare and policy analysis.

Dr. Emanuel also serves as a Venture Partner at Oak HC/FT in addition to serving as contributor for the *New York Times* and CNN. He was elected to the National Academy of Medicine, Association of American Physicians, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the Royal College of Medicine. He is a 2018 recipient of the Dan David Prize in the category of Bioethics, an honor recognizing innovative and interdisciplinary research that cuts across traditional boundaries and paradigms.



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