

# The Prestigious American Academy of Nursing Selects Dr. Jian Zhang, CEO of Chinese Hospital to Join the 2020 Class of Fellows



Dr. Jian Zhang, CEO of Chinese Hospital, the only one in the United States and one of San Francisco's critical healthcare providers, is one of 230 distinguished nurse leaders from around the globe selected by the American Academy of Nursing (Academy) to join the 2020 Class of Fellows. Dr. Zhang will be recognized for her significant contributions to health care at the Academy's annual Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference, taking place virtually October 29-31, 2020. Through a competitive and rigorous process, the new fellows are selected based on their impressive contributions to healthcare by a committee of elected Fellows.

"I am humbled by the Academy's selection and recognition," said Jian Zhang, CEO, Chinese Hospital. "I believe an Academy fellow has a responsibility to engage with nursing leaders to advance nursing as a profession; collaborate with other healthcare leaders and lead the transformation of America's health system."

"I am honored to welcome this exceptional class to the American Academy of Nursing. Their work, across many fields of expertise, exemplifies the power of nursing knowledge in creating meaningful change," said Academy President Eileen

Sullivan-Marx, PhD, RN, FAAN. "As a policy organization, we strive to improve health and achieve health equity through nursing leadership, innovation, and science. Growing the Academy's Fellowship bolsters our collective strength and further enables us to meet our policy priorities. Now, more than ever, our collaboration is critical and I am excited to congratulate this dynamic class of Fellows during the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife."

"Dr. Zhang is the quintessential nursing leader and healthcare executive who has had a significant and sustained impact on practice, policy, research, and education," said Judith Karshmer, Dean and Professor of Arizona State University, Edson College of Nursing, "I highly recommended her as a Fellow of AAN. I have worked closely with Dr. Zhang for over 10 years, initially as a student in the Executive Leadership DNP program at USF and subsequently as a colleague and partnership advancing an international initiative with nursing programs in China."

"Dr. Zhang has demonstrated exceptional leadership and made significant contributions in clinical practice, research, and policy by advancing one of the largest health care systems for low-income Asian immigrants in the San Francisco Bay Area and by strengthening the nursing care and education system in both the US and China," said Jyulin Chen, Department Chair and Professor at UCSF, School of Nursing. "Dr. Zhang and I have been working on education curriculum development and nursing research projects focused on decreasing health disparities in obesity and breast cancer in Asian Immigrants. I strongly believe she will be a valued asset to the Academy."

"On behalf of the Chinese Hospital Board of Trustees, I want to congratulate Dr. Zhang for being selected as a Fellow by the American Academy of Nursing," said Kitman Chan, Chinese Hospital Board Chairman. "It is wonderful to have one of the 2700 FAAN fellows be the CEO of the historic Chinese Hospital, which provides high quality of care to our community."

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