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Kaveh Safavi is vice president and global lead for the Cisco Internet Business Solutions Group Healthcare Practice. The Healthcare Practice helps leaders in the healthcare and life sciences industries transform the way that their organizations design and deliver health and care to customers.

A seasoned healthcare executive, prior to Cisco, Safavi was chief medical officer for the healthcare business of Thomson Reuters, where he established the Center for Healthcare Improvement to create a thought leadership presence. Safavi participates in more than 50 public speaking engagements annually. He has published numerous papers and articles, and has become a popular source for the healthcare media. He is quoted frequently in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, and *The Economist*.

Safavi's leadership experience spans the healthcare sector—from physician offices and hospitals, to insurers, to the boards of biotech companies. In the early 1990s, Safavi was president and medical director of HealthSpring Medical Group of Illinois. There, he developed a Physician Practice Management business, which was one of the first organizations in the Midwest to run on a fully automated electronic medical record system.

Safavi has the unique distinction of possessing both medical and law degrees, from Loyola University and DePaul University, respectively. He is board-certified in internal medicine and pediatrics. His clinical experience includes four years at the University of Michigan Medical Center, Internal Medicine and Pediatric Residency Program.



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