



Smriti Khare, M.D.

**Chief Mental and Behavioral Health Officer
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Smriti Khare is the first Chief Mental and Behavioral Health Officer for Children's Wisconsin, a nationally ranked pediatric hospital and Wisconsin's only health care system dedicated 100% to kids and teens. In this role she leads CW's mental and behavioral services across the state working to address needs sooner, improve access to care and reduce stigma around mental health needs.

Prior to this role, Smriti was the president of Children's Medical Group where she provided leadership and direction to its primary care and urgent care sites in southeastern Wisconsin. As an advocate for a fully integrated health care system, Smriti works to align mental and behavioral health care with community, primary, and specialty care services. In addition, she also co-leads the work in digital health and inclusion, diversion and equity for the System.

Smriti earned her medical degree from Indira Gandhi Medical College in Nagpur, India, and she completed her pediatric residency at The Medical College of Wisconsin. Early in her career, she was an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the Medical College of Wisconsin and had helped advance the hospitalist model at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

As a provider and leader who is passionate about providing the best and safest care, Smriti has served as president of the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Medical Staff and chair of the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Credentials and Privileges Committee. She has been involved in pediatric resident and medical student education for more than 20 years. Always focused on improving the lives of children and teens, she volunteers her time as a member of the Board of Directors of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Milwaukee.