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Prof. Ran Balicer, a public health physician, manager and researcher, serves as Founding Director of the Clalit Research Institute, and as Director of Health Policy Planning for Clalit - Israel's largest healthcare organization serving over 50% of the Israeli population. In these roles, he is responsible for strategic planning and development of novel organization-wide interventions for improving healthcare quality, reducing disparities and increasing effectiveness. These include the introduction of innovative data-driven tools into practice, mainly focusing on real-life effectiveness studies, predictive modeling, decision support tools and proactive care models. The Clalit Research Institute, directed by Prof. Balicer, has been designated by the World Health Organization as the 'WHO Collaborating Center on Non-Communicable Diseases Research, Prevention and Control'.

Prof Balicer serves as Associate Professor and Track Director in the MPH program at the Ben-Gurion University, Israel. He received his Medical Doctor degree from the Tel-Aviv University, PhD in Healthcare Management and an MPH from the Ben-Gurion University. In his academic roles, Prof. Balicer serves as a Track Director in the MPH program at the Ben-Gurion University, mentoring doctoral students and has authored over 100 scientific papers. Prof. Balicer's research is focused on the study of extensive clinical databases in care provision and policymaking.

In Israel, Prof. Balicer serves in several professional leadership roles - as Chair of the Israeli Society for Quality in Healthcare, as President of the local chapter of ISPOR (the International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research) and as an Advisor to Israeli Ministry of Health.

Prof. Balicer serves in advisory groups for the WHO Regional Office for Europe in projects focusing on non-communicable diseases monitoring and prevention, healthy aging, and integrated healthcare systems. He also serves as a Board Member of the International Foundation for Integrated Care.