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Bruce M. Gans, MD is Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer for the Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation. He is also the National Medical Director for Rehabilitation for Select Medical, the parent company for Kessler. Dr. Gans holds an appointment as Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the New Jersey Medical School, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey.

Dr. Gans has published extensively, and has held more than \$10M in research and educational grants from the public and private sectors. He is an editor of the major textbook, *DeLisa's Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation: Principles and Practice, Fifth Edition, 2010*. He also serves as an Associate Editor of the *American Journal of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*.

He is past Chairman of the governing board of the American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association (AMRPA). He is also a director on the board of Five Star Quality Care, Inc. (NYSE: FVE), a national operator of independent living, assisted living, and skilled nursing facilities. Dr. Gans also serves as a Trustee of Hospitality Properties Trust (NYSE: HPT), a real estate investment trust. He is past President of the Foundation for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, a charitable organization that promotes the field of PM&R, and a director on the board of ThinkFirst Foundation, a not-for-profit dedicated to preventing childhood injuries.

Dr. Gans served as the President of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPM&R) in 2005. He served as Vice Chairman and Treasurer of the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. He is a past President of the Association of Academic Physiatrists, past Chairman of the Governing Council of the American Hospital Association (AHA) Section for Rehabilitation Hospitals and Programs, past Chair of the Health Policy and Legislation Committee of the AAPM&R, and past Chair of the Injury Prevention Grant Review Committee for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia.

He has been honored with recognition in "The Best Doctors in America," and has received the AHA's prestigious Brent England Award for Excellence in Rehabilitation Management (1995), and the AMRPA's INDE Service Award (2005). The Association of Academic Physiatrists awarded him their Outstanding Service Award in 2000. In 2001, he was selected to deliver the 34th Annual Walter J. Zeiter Lecture to the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. In 2008 he was the recipient of the Distinguished Member Award from the AAPM&R. He has testified in the U. S. Congress multiple times for the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee with regard to research funding for medical rehabilitation and access to services for veterans.

Dr. Gans received his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in Philadelphia and an MS in biomedical electronic engineering from the Moore School of Engineering at the University of Pennsylvania. He also holds an MS degree from the University of Washington and a BS degree in electrical engineering from Union College, Schenectady, New York.