

Dr. Elena Christofides Named to HealthEquity Health Advisory Board

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Endocrinology Associates has announced that Elena A. Christofides, M.D., F.A.C.E., has been appointed to the newly formed Health and Wellness Advisory Board at HealthEquity, a leading health savings account and employee benefits solutions company. The advisory board is being created to support HealthEquity's consumer recommendations, buyer education, and health resources with clear, evidence-based scientific principles. With HealthEquity serving as a major national resource for HSA account holders, benefits buyers, employers, and patients, Dr. Christofides' appointment places her clinical expertise in a position to help influence how people understand and evaluate health-related guidance.

"Patients today are surrounded by health information, but not all of it is grounded in evidence or objective clinical standards," said Dr. Elena A. Christofides, M.D., F.A.C.E., founder of Endocrinology Associates. "My role on this board is to help bring clinical truth into conversations where patients and buyers are trying to make decisions. When people are looking for guidance outside standard FDA listings or traditional medical pathways, they still deserve recommendations that are medically sound, scientifically principled, and validated through real clinical experience."

The Health and Wellness Advisory Board is expected to help HealthEquity strengthen the medical foundation behind the educational materials and consumer-facing resources it provides. For Dr. Christofides, that mission fits naturally with her work as an endocrinologist, researcher, and clinical leader who specializes in helping patients make sense of complex metabolic, hormonal, and chronic health concerns. Her contribution to the board will focus on objective medical validation, patient-centered education, and the importance of translating scientific evidence into practical information people can use when making healthcare and wellness decisions.

HealthEquity is a major force in the health savings account space, serving as a key resource for people using HSAs and other benefits tools to make decisions about care, expenses, and long-term health planning. Because their resources may influence how patients, employers, and benefits buyers understand healthcare options, the new advisory board is designed to help ensure that those recommendations are grounded in

science rather than trends, assumptions, or incomplete information.

Dr. Christofides brings a distinct clinical perspective to the advisory board. As an endocrinologist, she regularly works with patients managing complex conditions related to metabolism, diabetes, weight management, osteoporosis, hypertension, pituitary disorders, male and female hormone replacement, infertility, and more. These conditions often require patients to make decisions that extend beyond a single prescription or a standard benefits document, especially when they are evaluating lifestyle interventions, wellness products, testing, supplements, or other health-related resources.

"Healthcare decision-making has become more complicated for patients," said Dr. Christofides. "People are trying to understand what is credible, what is worth paying for, what is truly helpful, and what is simply being marketed to them. I believe that any health and wellness resource should begin with the same foundation that guides responsible medicine: evidence, transparency, and a clear understanding of how the human body actually works."

This appointment also reflects Dr. Christofides' long-standing commitment to patient education. At Endocrinology Associates, her team is known for taking complex medical concepts and translating them into clear, usable information for patients who are often trying to solve difficult or overlapping health concerns. That same philosophy will inform her work with HealthEquity as the advisory board reviews and supports educational resources meant to help consumers and buyers make more informed choices.

For many patients, the challenge is not access to information, but access to trustworthy interpretation. Health products and wellness recommendations are often presented in a way that is difficult for consumers to evaluate. Some may be rooted in sound research, while others may be based on limited evidence or marketing language that does not clearly explain risk, benefit, or medical relevance.

By joining the Health and Wellness Advisory Board, Dr. Christofides will help bring a physician's perspective to these conversations. Her role will emphasize clinical truth, practical patient safety, and the need for recommendations that can withstand objective medical scrutiny. That approach is especially important when patients are exploring options outside standard FDA listings or beyond the familiar structure of traditional medical care.

"Patients should not have to become medical researchers just to protect themselves," said Dr. Christofides. "The responsibility should be on the people creating health resources to make sure those resources are responsible. When recommendations are built on clinical truth, patients are better equipped to ask the right questions, avoid unnecessary confusion, and make decisions that support their long-term health."

The Health and Wellness Advisory Board is expected to be publicly featured on HealthEquity's website

following a future site update. Endocrinology Associates will coordinate additional communication around the board's public launch and HealthEquity's initial board activity as more information becomes available.

Patients, employers, and benefits professionals interested in learning more about HealthEquity can visit <https://www.healthequity.com/>. Those interested in learning more about Dr. Christofides and Endocrinology Associates can contact the practice at christofides@endocrinology-associates.com or call (614) 453-9999.

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