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Dr. Michael Gusmano is the director of research for the Alliance for Health & the Future and co-director of the World Cities Project at the International Longevity Center-USA.

Dr. Gusmano's work has focused on comparing the health status and use of health and social services for older persons in such cities as New York, London, Paris, and Tokyo. His other research interests include politics of healthcare reform, Medicare, Medicaid, and comparative welfare state analysis.

The Alliance for Health & the Future is a multi-disciplinary, systematic enquiry into the social and economic consequences of population aging and longevity in Europe, Canada and the United States. The Alliance research agenda includes: 1) a critical review of data on population health and productive aging in Europe; 2) the development and dissemination of guidelines for healthy aging targeted toward individuals; 3) a legal and policy analysis of age discrimination in the largest existing and accession countries of the European Union; 4) a study of the occupations held by older people and an analysis of policy initiatives; and 5) an analysis of the research on the relationship between improvements in population health and a nation's wealth, such as the impact of increased longevity on a nation's GDP. This analysis will be a foundation for an Alliance thought-leader event.

Prior to joining the ILC, Dr. Gusmano was a senior research associate in the Division of Health and Science Policy at the New York Academy of Medicine. Previously, he was a research associate in the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, and a lecturer in the Department of Political Science at Yale University where he conducted research on healthcare politics and policy. Dr. Gusmano was a post-doctoral fellow in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy program at Yale University.