

Donald F. Schwarz, Health Commissioner, Deputy Mayor for Health and Opportunity, [City of Philadelphia](#)



Donald F. Schwarz, MD, MPH, is Health Commissioner and Deputy Mayor for Health and Opportunity for the City of Philadelphia. Before entering government service, he was Vice Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Deputy Physician-in-Chief and Craig-Dalsimer Division Chief for Adolescent Medicine at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. He was Professor of Pediatrics in the University of Pennsylvania Schools of Medicine and Nursing, and a senior fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute for Health Economics at Penn.

Dr. Schwarz was an active researcher in the area of adolescent risk behaviors for over 22 years. He received both public and private funding for work that examined the issues of injury and its prevention in urban, minority communities, public policy approaches to adolescent violence, and physician- and nurse-practice-based interventions to improve outcomes for high-risk infants.

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