

Ashish K. Jha, M.D.



A practicing physician, Ashish K. Jha, M.D. was appointed as Coordinator of the COVID-19 Response by President Biden. In his former role, he served as dean of the School of Public Health at Brown University. He is recognized globally as an expert on pandemic preparedness and response as well as on domestic and global health policy. Jha has led groundbreaking research around Ebola and has been a trusted voice on the COVID-19 response, leading national and international analysis of key issues and advising state and federal policy makers.

He joined Brown in 2020 after leading the Harvard Global Health Institute and teaching at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Harvard Medical School.

Jha has published more than 250 original research publications in leading medical and health policy journals and is a frequent contributor to a range of public media. His research has focused primarily on the impact of public health policy on health outcomes and healthcare spending both domestically and globally.

He has practiced for nearly two decades at Veterans Affairs hospitals, providing direct clinical care to Veterans.

Born in Pursaulia, Bihar, India, Jha moved to Toronto, Canada, in 1979 and to the United States in 1983. He graduated *magna cum laude* from Columbia University with a B.A. in economics, and received his M.D. from Harvard Medical School, and a Master's in Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health. He has been a member of the National Academy of Medicine since 2013.