

## Biographical Sketch

**Scott W. Atlas, MD** is the David and Joan Traitel Senior Fellow of the Hoover Institution of Stanford University and Member of the Working Group on Health Care Policy, and a Senior Fellow by courtesy at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford.

Dr. Atlas is the editor of the leading textbook in the field, the best-selling *Magnetic Resonance Imaging of the Brain and Spine*, now in its 4<sup>th</sup> edition and officially translated from English into Mandarin, Spanish, and Portuguese. He is also editor, associate editor, and a member of the editorial boards of numerous scientific journals and has been a member of the boards of many major national and international scientific societies over the past two decades. Dr. Atlas has authored more than 120 scientific publications in leading journals. His research has centered on advanced applications of new MRI technologies in neurologic diseases. While Professor of Radiology and Chief of Neuroradiology at Stanford University Medical Center from 1998 until 2012 and during his previous faculty positions, Dr. Atlas trained over 100 neuroradiology fellows, many of whom are now leaders in the field throughout the world. He lectures on a variety of topics, most notably advances in MRI of the brain, and the key economic issues related to the future of such technology-based advances. He is recognized internationally as a leader in both education and clinical research and has been on the Nominating Committee for the Nobel Prize in Medicine and Physiology for several years. Dr. Atlas has received numerous awards and honors in recognition of his leadership in the field. He was named by his peers in *The Best Doctors in America* every year since its initial publication, as well as in regional listings, such as *The Best Doctors in New York*, *Silicon Valley's Best Doctors*, and other similar publications. He was honored to receive the 2008 Comeback Award and then the 2011 Alumni Achievement Award, the highest career achievement honor for a distinguished alumnus from his alma mater, the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign.

At Hoover, Dr. Atlas is a Member of Hoover's Working Group on Health Care Policy. His research interests include the role of government in the emerging era of consumerism and advanced technology in health care, both within the United States and globally. His work investigates the effects of government reforms and the changing health care marketplace on access, quality, pricing, and innovation in health care and is a frequent policy advisor to government leaders in these areas. During the 2012 presidential campaign, he was an Advisor for Health Care for Governor Mitt Romney, a candidate for President of the United States. During the previous 2008 presidential campaign, Dr. Atlas was a Senior Advisor for Health Care and the Coordinator of the Health Policy Team for Mayor Rudy Giuliani, a candidate for President of the United States. At the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, he has particular interests in the evolving health care system of emerging economies, and has had a Fulbright award to collaborate with academic leaders in China on structuring health care solutions for China. Dr. Atlas has also participated with leaders from government and academia on the World Bank's Commission on Growth and Development. Some of Dr. Atlas's recent publications on health policy include "Relationship between HMO Market Share and the Diffusion and Use of Advanced MRI Technologies" (*Journal of the American College of Radiology*, 2004), with LC Baker, "Expanding CT and MR availability, imaging utilization in the Medicare population, and the challenge of measuring value" with LC Baker and C Afendulis (*Health Affairs*, 2008) and the books *Power to the Patient: Selected Health Care Issues and Policy Solutions* (Hoover Institution Press, 2005), *Reforming America's Health Care System* (Hoover Institution Press, 2010), and *In Excellent Health: Setting the Record Straight on America's Health Care System* (Hoover Institution Press, 2011). Dr. Atlas has appeared in numerous interviews and written about about the role of government in health care on television, radio, and in other news media, including *BBC Radio*, *The Lehrer News Hour*, and in newspapers such as the *Wall Street Journal*, *Forbes Magazine*, London's *Financial Times*, Brazil's *Correio Braziliense*, Italy's *Corriere della Sera*, and Argentina's *Diario La Nacion*. In the private sector, Dr. Atlas is a frequent advisor to start-up entrepreneurs and companies in the life sciences, medical technology, and health IT sectors.

Before his appointments at Stanford University, Dr. Atlas was on the faculty of other leading institutions, including University of Pennsylvania, Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York, and University of California at San Francisco. Dr. Atlas received a B.S. degree in biology from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign and an M.D. degree from the University of Chicago.