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Rahul Gupta serves as the West Virginia state health officer and commissioner for the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health.

Gupta is a practicing internist who also serves as adjunct professor in the department of health policy, management, and Leadership at the West Virginia University School of Public Health and adjunct associate professor at the University of Charleston's School of Pharmacy.

Gupta earned a Doctorate of Medicine and subspecialty training in pulmonary medicine from the University of Delhi and completed his internship and residency training at St. Joseph Hospital/Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois. Additionally, he earned a Master of Public Health degree in healthcare organization and policy from the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

Gupta has authored more than 100 scientific publications in medicine and public health and served as a principal investigator for numerous well known clinical trials. He presently serves as the secretary and ex-officio member at the West Virginia Board of Medicine and as president-elect of the West Virginia State Medical Association. He has also served on several national boards such the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO).

Currently, he serves as a steering committee member at the National Quality Forum on Population Health as well as at the Institute for Health Metrics Evaluation. He is a recipient of several state and national awards including the Marie Fallon Award for Public Health Leadership by the National Association of Local Boards of Health, the 2015 Milton and Ruth Roemer Prize for Creative local public health work by the American Public Health Association, and the 2015 Jay Rockefeller Lifetime Achievement Award presented by U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, Sylvia Mathews Burwell, on behalf of West Virginians for affordable healthcare and advancements in public policy in healthcare.