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Dr. Brent Lowensohn is the Director of Research for IT at the Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program, the largest HMO in the country with 11,000 Physicians and 120,000+ employees serving more than 8 million members from a \$20 billion annual budget. As a Not-for-Profit Organization, Kaiser focuses on member needs and the social obligation to provide benefit for the communities in which it operates, rather than the needs of the shareholders.

Dr. Lowensohn leads his department in the identification, creation, evaluation, and implementation of innovative, high technology applications for healthcare management and operations. His current activities are focused on social and technological support for home based health monitoring, chronic disease management, and member self help systems.

Dr. Lowensohn is a founding member of the Gartner Group Advanced Technologies Best Practices; is a member of two MIT consortia (Things that Think, and the Center for Bits and Atoms.); served on HealthTech working group on "The Future of Information Security in Healthcare," and is a member of Cross Industry Working Team of the Center for National Research Initiatives.

Dr. Lowensohn's Ph.D. in Social Psychology was awarded by Syracuse University in 1976. His research, which opened up a new area in Environmental Psychology, won his induction into Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society.