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Lynn Silver, MD, MPH, is Assistant Commissioner of New York City Department of Health for Chronic Disease Prevention and Control since 2004. She coordinates the Department's response to obesity and chronic disease and in that capacity led NYC policy initiatives such as the NYC day care regulations on nutrition and physical activity, the city's trans fat ban, calorie labeling in chain restaurants, day care nutrition and physical activity regulations and helped develop the city's food procurement guidelines. The chronic disease team has recently launched a national initiative to reduce salt in processed and restaurant foods, created the NYC Bodega initiative and is supporting the NYC Green Carts program. Dr. Silver also initiated the joint Department-American Institute of Architects FIT-CITY built environment collaboration.

Dr. Silver was previously Visiting Scholar of International Health at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, and is Associate Professor and former Director of the School of Health Sciences of the University of Brasilia. She has worked widely internationally on health policy issues as well as food and drug regulation as a researcher and with the consumer movement. She received her MD and MPH degrees and pediatric training from the Johns Hopkins University and Hospital. Her work received the Rockefeller Foundation's International Award for Health Research for Development in 2000.