

# Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute

## Methodology Workshop for Prioritizing Specific Research Topics

### Workshop Leaders

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PCORI's *Methodology Workshop for Prioritizing Specific Research Topics* will serve to present and receive feedback on PCORI's draft multi-stakeholder process for generating and prioritizing specific research questions. Once implemented, the process will lead to recommendations for topic-specific funding announcements that complement PCORI's broad Funding Announcements. The workshop is being led by PCORI's Research Prioritization Team and a group of dedicated and passionate facilitators. Their pictures and brief background information is provided below, so that you may get to know them better.

### Workshop Facilitators

#### Rachael Fleurence, PhD

Senior Scientist

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute



Rachael Fleurence, PhD, is a Senior Scientist at the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute where she leads the "research prioritization" initiative to help identify important patient and stakeholder generated questions, and establish a rigorous research prioritization process to rank these questions. A methodologist with experience in systematic reviews and evidence synthesis, health technology assessment and research prioritization methods, Dr. Fleurence has 15 years' experience in the field of health outcomes research including seven years' experience in the life sciences consulting industry where she held senior leadership positions at United BioSource Corporation and ICON plc. From 1995 to 1999, she was a program officer at the World Health Organization for the revision of the International Classification of Disabilities.

Dr. Fleurence co-chaired the 2011 ISPOR issue panel review committee for the 16th annual meeting, was an associate editor for the journal Health Outcomes Research in Medicine 2011-2012. She is currently co-editing a volume on Comparative Effectiveness for Springer's upcoming handbook on health services research. Dr. Fleurence received a BA from Cambridge University, a MA in business management from the Ecole Supérieure des Sciences Économiques et Commerciales (ESSEC)-Paris, and a MSc and PhD in health economics from the university of York in the United Kingdom.

#### Joe Selby, MD, MPH

Executive Director

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute



Joe Selby is the first Executive Director of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). A family physician, clinical epidemiologist and health services researcher, Joe has more than 35 years of experience in patient care, research and administration. He is responsible for identifying strategic issues and opportunities for PCORI and implementing and administering programs authorized by the PCORI Board of Governors. Joe joined PCORI from Kaiser Permanente, Northern California, where he was Director of the Division of Research for 13 years and oversaw a department of more than 50 investigators and 500 research staff working on more than 250 ongoing studies. He was with Kaiser Permanente for 27 years. An accomplished researcher, Joe has authored more than 200 peer-reviewed articles and continues to conduct research, primarily in the areas of diabetes outcomes and quality improvement. His publications cover a spectrum of topics, including effectiveness studies of colorectal cancer screening strategies; treatment effectiveness, population management and disparities in diabetes mellitus; primary care delivery and quality measurement.

## **Paul Wallace, MD**

**Senior VP; Director**

**Center for Comparative Effectiveness Research, The Lewin Group**



Paul Wallace, MD, is Director of the Lewin Center for Comparative Effectiveness Research, where he and his colleagues consult and lead policy and business development to foster and sustain health system improvement. The Center manages, promotes, and supports the use of comparative effectiveness research (CER) to inform decisions that help achieve the most effective patient outcomes, health care policies, and deployment of health care resources. Dr. Wallace was formerly a Medical Director and clinician with Kaiser Permanente from 1989 to 2011. He was the Executive Director of Kaiser Permanente's Care Management Institute (CMI) from 2000 – 2005 and helped to conceptualize and found Avivia Health, the Kaiser Permanente disease management company established in 2005.

Dr. Wallace currently serves on the Institute of Medicine Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice, is co-Chair of the Board of Directors for AcademyHealth and a Board member for the eHealth Initiative. He has previously served on the Committee on Performance Measurement and Standards Committees for NCQA, the National Advisory Council for the Agency of Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), the Medical Coverage Advisory Committee for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Medical Advisory Panel for the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Technology Evaluation Center, and Boards for the Center for Information Therapy, and The Care Continuum Alliance.

## **Workshop Presenters**

### **Karl Claxton, PhD**

**Professor**

**Department of Economics and Related Studies, University of York**



Karl Claxton is a Professor in the Department of Economics and Related Studies at the University of York. He is also a Senior Research Fellow in the Centre for Health Economics, University of York. He was a Harkness Fellow at the Harvard School of Public Health and from 1999 until 2007 he held an adjunct appointment at Harvard as an Assistant Professor of Health and Decision Sciences.

He has served as a member of the National Institute for Clinical Excellence Appraisal Committee since 1999. He has represented the committee at a number of appeals and was an expert witness for the Institute during the judicial review in 2007. He is a member of the National Decision Support Unit and continues to contribute to the development of guidance for the appraisal of health technologies for NICE. He is also co-editor of the Journal of Health Economics. He received a PhD in Economics, a MSc in Health Economics and a BA in Economics all from the University of York.

### **David Meltzer, MD, PhD**

**Director**

**Center for Health and the Social Sciences**



Meltzer is Chief of the Section of Hospital Medicine, Director of the Center for Health and the Social Sciences (CHeSS), Chair of the Committee on Clinical and Translational Science, and Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine, Department of Economics and the Harris School of Public Policy Studies at the University of Chicago. His research explores problems in health economics and public policy with a focus on the theoretical foundations of medical cost-effectiveness analysis and the cost and quality of care, especially in teaching hospitals. He is an elected member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation, and serves on the Secretary's Advisory Committee for Healthy People 2020, as an Advisor to the Congressional Budget Office, and on council of the National Institute for General Medical Studies. He received a BS from Yale, and an MD and PhD in Economics from the University of Chicago.

## **Claire McKenna**

**Research Fellow**

**Department for Economic Evaluation and Health Technology Assessment, University of York**



Claire McKenna is a Research Fellow in the Team for Economic Evaluation and Health Technology Assessment. She joined the Centre for Health Economics in 2006. She holds a MSci in Mathematics (2001), a PhD in Theoretical Physics (2004), a MPhil in Medical Statistics (2005), all from Queen's University Belfast, and a MSc in Health Economics (2006) from the University of York.

Claire's research interests are centred on the economic evaluation of health care technologies. She has specific interests in the use of constrained optimisation methods in economic evaluation, the application of statistical and decision-analytic methods for cost-effectiveness analysis, the use of evidence synthesis techniques and value of information analysis to inform policy decisions in health care. Claire has worked on economic evaluations across a range of health technologies in different fields and has contributed to several technology appraisals for the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE).

In 2011 Claire was awarded the Society for Medical Decision Making (SMDM) award for Outstanding Paper by a Young Investigator. It was awarded in relation to a paper published in the Journal of Health Economics (2010) entitled "Budgetary policies and available actions: A generalisation of decision rules for allocation and research decisions" by Claire McKenna, Zaid Chalabi, David Epstein and Karl Claxton.

## **Gail Wilensky, PhD**

**Economist; Senior Fellow**

**Project HOPE**



Gail Wilensky is an economist and a senior fellow at Project HOPE, an international health foundation. Her focus has been on strategies to reform health care, with particular emphasis in recent years on Medicare, comparative effectiveness research and military health care. Dr. Wilensky serves as a trustee of the Combined Benefits Fund of the United Mine Workers of America and the National Opinion Research Center, is on the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS), Geisinger Health System Foundation and the Visiting Committee of the Harvard Medical School. She recently served as president of the Defense Health Board, a Federal advisory board to the Secretary of Defense, was a commissioner on the World Health Organization's Commission on the Social Determinants of Health and co-chaired the Dept. of Defense Task Force on the Future of Military Health Care.

She was the Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration (now called CMS) from 1990-92 and Deputy Assistant for Policy Development to President George H W Bush in 1992. She chaired the Physician Payment Review Commission from 1995-1997 and MedPAC from 1997-2001. She is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine and has served two terms on its governing council. She is a former chair of the board of directors of Academy Health, a former trustee of the American Heart Association and a current or former director of numerous other non-profit organizations (e.g., National Alliance for Hispanic Health, University of the Sciences, Philadelphia). She is also a director of United Health Group and Quest Diagnostics.

Dr. Wilensky testifies frequently before Congressional committees, serves as an advisor to members of Congress and other elected officials, and speaks nationally and internationally. She received a bachelor's degree in psychology and a Ph.D. in economics at the University of Michigan and has received several honorary degrees.

## Workshop Participants

### Kirk Allison, PhD, MS

Director

Program in Human Rights and Health, University of Minnesota School of Public Health



Kirk C. Allison, Ph.D., M.S., is Director of the Program in Human Rights and Health in the University of Minnesota School of Public Health and member of the graduate faculty of the Division of Health Policy and Management. He is former Chair of the American Public Health Association's Ethics Special Primary Interest Group. In 2010 he served on a technical expert panel examining evidentiary standards for disability-related comparative effectiveness research for the Center of Excellence in Research on Disability Services, Care Coordination and Integration (Mathematical Policy Research). Ongoing and recent research concerns disability and social values; health disparities and epilepsy; and low-birth weight perinatal outcomes by hospital type. A PCORI interest is the generation and prioritization of patient-centered research also including non-physician investigators (nurse practitioners, occupational therapists, etc.).

### Erika Augustine, MD

Assistant Professor of Neurology and Pediatrics

University of Rochester Medical Center



Augustine is Assistant Professor of Neurology and Pediatrics at the University of Rochester Medical Center. She completed undergraduate studies at Harvard College and received her M.D. degree from the University of Rochester. Dr. Augustine completed Pediatrics and Child Neurology residency training at Children's Hospital Boston in 2008, followed by fellowship training in Pediatric Movement Disorders and Experimental Therapeutics in 2010 at the University of Rochester. Dr. Augustine's research interests include methodology of clinical research and experimental therapeutics in rare pediatric neurological disorders. Current work focuses on therapeutics in Juvenile Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis and on the epidemiology of Tourette Syndrome in minorities. She currently serves as Assistant Program Director for the NINDS-funded Experimental Therapeutics training program at the University of Rochester. She is also a member of the NIH Taskforce on Childhood Motor Disorders and is a consultant to the FDA Neurological Devices Panel.

### Anirban Basu, PhD, MS

Associate Professor

University of Washington Health Services

## **Lawrence Becker**

### **Director, Strategic Partnerships and Alliances**

**Xerox**



Lawrence Becker is Director of Strategic Partnerships and Alliances for Xerox Corporation in Rochester, NY, and is responsible for Global HR Vendor Optimization. He is also Chairman of the Plan Administration Committee for Xerox's ERISA plans. Since joining Xerox, he has served in several capacities in the benefits, compensation, technology, and operations arenas including as director of benefits. He previously served as vice president of human resources for Baltimore Bancorp and worked for Formica Corporation, Exxon Corporation, and American Can Company in a variety of roles. He is a member of the Executive Board of ERIC (ERISA Industry Council), a member of the Board of Directors and Finance and Audit Committee of the National Quality Forum (NQF) as well as the NQF Steering Committee on Measuring Efficiency across Patient-Focused Episodes of Care. Additionally, he was a member of the Quality Alliance Steering Committee Expansion Workgroup commissioned by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. He is a board member of the Rochester Regional Health Information Operation. He received a BS from Cornell University's Industrial and Labor Relations School.

## **Laura Bernard, MPH**

### **Health Care Consultant**



Laura Bernard, MPH is a consultant with a focus on health policy and evaluation methodology including systematic reviews and program assessment. Her clients include WHO, nonprofits such as the American Cancer Society, and corporations in the health communications and research industry. Her interest in patient centered outcomes research is both professional and personal. Laura received her MPH in Community Health Sciences from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine and resides outside of Burlington, Vermont.

## **Marissa Brooks, MPH**

### **Director of Health Improvement Programs**

### **SEIU Healthcare NW Health Benefits Trust**



Marissa has worked in healthcare for over 16 years. In her current role as Director of Health Improvement Programs, Marissa oversees the administration and development of health care benefits for 14,000 Home Care Aides (HCA) in Washington State. She leads an innovative health improvement program, called the Engaged Sponsor Program, which aims to improve health and lower costs of health care for HCAs. Previous to the Health Benefits Trust, Marissa worked in clinical research, best practice guideline development, scientific review committees, as an executive commissioner for the state massage board, public health research panel, and managed a public health research program investigating the translational process, cost effectiveness (CER) and return on investment (ROI) of Community Health Worker home visits for chronic health conditions. Marissa worked for Public Health Seattle and King County, ran a research program and CQI committee at a chemical dependency treatment center and at Group Health Research Institute.

## **Timothy S. Carey, MD, MPH**

**Director**

**Sheps Center for Health Services Research, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**



An active clinician in both inpatient and outpatient settings, Dr. Tim Carey also holds multiple appointments at UNC-CH School of Medicine in Internal Medicine, Social Medicine and an adjunct appointment in Epidemiology. He currently directs the Sheps Center for Health Services Research and is the director of two National Research Service Award Fellowship Training Programs. Carey has consulted with a broad range of clinicians and scientists on health service research issues, as well as served on and chaired national review panels on health services research. He has expertise in comparative effectiveness research, evidence-based practice, systematic review, and outcomes assessment, especially for chronic health conditions. With a specific emphasis on back pain, Dr. Carey has extensively examined the epidemiology of musculoskeletal illnesses, and also explored the patterns, quality and outcomes of care for patients in multiple settings.

## **Jessie Casida, PhD, RN, APN-C, CCRN-CSC**

**Assistant Professor, Division of Acute, Critical, and Long-term Care**

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholar Alumnus**



The primary focus of Dr. Casida's research is the advancement of science that underpins the long-term management of patients requiring a mechanical circulatory support (MCS) such as a left-ventricular assist device (LVAD). Much of his research and scholarly work have been centered on understanding the mechanisms of the relationships between the recipients' physiological, adaptive, and bio-behavioral responses to the implantable life-sustaining and quality of life-enhancing complex technology. Within his research program, Dr. Casida also explores the influence of family caregivers' and MCS nurses' roles on the patients' health outcomes. Notably, understanding the patient-caregiver-healthcare provider relationships are the core of his work to assist LVAD recipients' optimize their quality and quantity of life. His research and scholarship serve as the platform for creating a roadmap for developing and testing interventions tailored to the improvement of patients, caregivers and provider partnerships, and overall healthcare outcomes in MCS and cardiac surgery programs.

## **Dan Cherkin, PhD**

**Senior Scientific Investigator; Director**

**Group Health Research Institute; Bastyr University Research Institute**



Daniel C. Cherkin, Ph.D., is senior scientific investigator with the Group Health Research Institute in Seattle and director of the Bastyr University Research Institute. He trained in biostatistics and epidemiology. For the past 27 years, Dr. Cherkin's research has focused on identifying more effective strategies for responding to the needs of the many persons with chronic back pain whose pain has not responded to conventional medical treatments. He has conducted numerous randomized clinical trials evaluating conventional approaches (e.g., patient education, shared-decision-making) and complementary and alternative medical (CAM) therapies such as chiropractic manipulation, acupuncture, massage, and yoga for low back pain. This research provided much of the justification for including CAM treatment options in national guidelines for the management of persistent back pain.

## **Rebecca J. Culyba, PhD**

**Program Administrator**

**UPMC Center for High-Value Health Care**



Rebecca J. Culyba, PhD is a Program Administrator at the UPMC Center for High-Value Health Care in UPMC's Insurance Services Division in Pittsburgh, PA. She is responsible for the development of research and evaluation in collaboration with stakeholders from UPMC, one of the nation's largest integrated health care delivery and financing systems, patients and consumers, community organizations, local and state government, and academic institutions to improve health outcomes and reduce disparities for vulnerable populations. Previously, Culyba was Director of Research and Evaluation at the Southeast AIDS Training and Evaluation Center headquartered at Emory University where she served as an investigator on many studies related to the provision of services under the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program. She has extensive experience working with a broad range of stakeholders on strategic planning, prioritization, and quality improvement initiatives. Culyba is a graduate of Smith College and holds a doctorate in sociology from Northwestern University.

## **Robert Dubois, MD, PhD**

**Chief Science Officer**

**National Pharmaceutical Council**

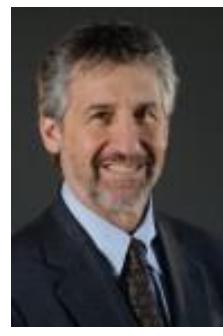


Robert W. Dubois, MD, PhD, joined the National Pharmaceutical Council in October 2010 as its Chief Science Officer. In this role, he oversees NPC's research on policy issues related to comparative effectiveness research, as well as on how health outcomes are valued. Dr. Dubois, who is board certified in internal medicine, brings more than 25 years of experience in health services research and comparative clinical effectiveness. He has co-founded and led various health care research organizations in developing quality research with practical application. Most recently, he was the chief medical officer at Cerner LifeSciences, where he focused on comparative effectiveness and the use of an electronic health records infrastructure to implement clinical change. Dr. Dubois received his AB from Harvard College, his MD from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and his PhD in Health Policy from the RAND Graduate School.

## **Arnie Epstein, MD**

**John H. Foster Professor / Chair, Department of Health Policy and Management**

**Harvard University School of Public Health**



Arnold Epstein, MD, is the John H. Foster Professor and Chair of the Department of Health Policy and Management at Harvard University School of Public Health in Boston, MA. He is a practicing internist in the Department of Medicine at the Brigham and Women's Hospital. His research interests focus on quality of care and access to care for disadvantaged populations. Recently, his efforts have focused on public reporting of quality performance data, racial and ethnic disparities in care, and policy changes that affect the quality and efficiency of hospital care. He was vice chair of the Institute of Medicine Committee on Developing a National Report on Health Care Quality. He also served as chairman of the board of AcademyHealth. He was Co-chair of the Performance Measurement Coordinating Council of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the National Committee on Quality Assurance, and the American Medical Association. He is Associate Editor of the New England Journal of Medicine, is a member of the Institute of Medicine, the Association of American Physicians, and the American Society for Clinical Investigation, and has served on several editorial boards including Health Services Research and the Annals of Internal Medicine. He received a BA from the University of Rochester, a masters in political science from Harvard, a BMS from Dartmouth Medical School and a MD from Duke University.

## **Veronica Goff, MS**

**Vice President**

**National Business Group on Health**



Veronica Goff is vice president of the National Business Group on Health, a national non-profit membership organization devoted exclusively to providing practical solutions to employers' most important health care problems and representing large employers' perspective on national health policy issues. She leads the Institute on Health Care Costs and Solutions. Goff represents the Business Group on the IOM Value Incentives Learning Collaborative, the AAFP Primary Care Valuation Task Force and the Advisory Board of the Patient Centered Primary Care Collaborative. She has more than 25 years experience working with employers on health benefits and programs.

Goff is an American College of Sports Medicine- certified Health Fitness Specialist. She earned a M.S. degree in physical education with specialization in exercise physiology and a B.S. degree in physical education with a minor in athletic training from Southern Illinois University.

## **David Hickam, MD, MPH**

**Scientific Program Leader, Comparative Assessment of Options Research**

**Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute**



Hickam is the Director of the Program on the Assessment of Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment Options. He is a specialist in internal medicine and has 30 years of experience as a health services researcher. His past research has focused on strategies for improving healthcare outcomes among adults with chronic diseases. He is responsible for developing PCORI's research program that evaluates comparisons among alternative clinical strategies in a broad range of clinical domains. He also provides staff support to the PCORI Methodology Committee.

After growing up in Oregon, Dr. Hickam received his bachelor degree from Stanford University, an MD degree from the University of California San Francisco, and a master in public health degree from the University of California Berkeley. He completed internal medicine residency and fellowship training at Stanford University.

## **Ties Hoomans, MS, PhD**

**Assistant Professor of Economic Evaluation in Health Care**

**Institute of Health Policy & Management, Erasmus University**

Currently a visiting scholar at the University of Chicago, Hoomans' research includes both theoretical development and practical application of evidence synthesis and modeling methods for cost-effectiveness analysis. Hoomans focuses in the use of value of implementation analysis and value of information (VOI) analysis to inform policy decisions concerning investment in implementation strategies and research studies to improve patient care. Hoomans recently expanded on this work at the University of Chicago and working with the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association Evidence-based Practice Center and that studied the effective and efficient use of VOI to inform prioritization of systematic reviews.

## **Lisa Hopp, PhD, RN FAAN**

**Director; Professor of Nursing**

**Indiana Center for Evidence Based Practice; Purdue University Calumet**



Lisa Hopp PhD, RN FAAN is Director of the Indiana Center for Evidence Based Practice, a collaborating center of the Joanna Briggs Institute and Professor of Nursing at Purdue University Calumet. She has had federal funding for her primary research with people with chronic lung disease and conducted and trained others in systematic review. In addition, she works with clinicians to implement evidence in their daily nursing practice. These experiences, her clinical work as an advanced practice nurse, researcher and exposure to other national health care systems have influenced how she thinks about the role of patients and consumers in the research enterprise, including setting the priorities for research. In addition, she recently published a textbook about evidence-based practice where she and her co-author consistently emphasized the need to include patient preferences and values in order to deliver patient centered, evidence based healthcare.

## **Jeannie Huang, MD, MPH**

**Associate Professor of Pediatrics in Residence**

**University of California, San Diego**



Dr. Jeannie Huang is a pediatric gastroenterologist. Her current research interests focus upon how to improve outcomes in pediatric chronic disease – including obesity, inflammatory bowel disease, cancer, diabetes, and cystic fibrosis. In particular, she is involved in projects addressing chronic disease self-management by adolescents and young adults and in programs improving weight management among obese children and their families. Her projects incorporate available mobile and internet technologies to improve patient-healthcare interactions and communications. As a research member of the Center for Wireless & Population Health Systems, Dr. Jeannie Huang works with other investigators to determine how the health of individuals, families, social networks, and populations can be improved through creative use of networked technologies and ubiquitous computing (cwphs.ucsd.edu).

## **Susan Hutfless, PhD**

**Epidemiologist; Instructor**

**Johns Hopkins University**



Susan Hutfless, PhD is an epidemiologist specializing in conditions with gastrointestinal involvement and epidemiologic methods pertaining to her research. She is a core faculty member at the Johns Hopkins Evidence-Based Practice Center, where she performs systematic reviews. She has also served as a co-leader on a PCORI-funded project to identify the minimum standards for handling missing data in patient-centered outcomes. She performs original research with a preference for using large administrative databases. She received her SM in epidemiology from the Harvard School of Public Health and her PhD from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health.

**Barbara Hunt**  
**Founding Member**  
**CADASIL Association**



Throughout her nursing career, Barbara has observed the course of many different diseases and has become familiar with a varied patient population. Her family's life changed in 2010 when CADASIL, a rare, genetic, degenerative neurological disorder often misdiagnosed as MS emerged. In 2012 Barbara was a primary collaborator forming the CADASIL Association a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to raise awareness of CADASIL ensuring it will be universally recognized and understood by the medical community enabling patients to be correctly diagnosed. Her focus is now CADASIL awareness and patient advocacy. She has been married for 37 years and raised four children.

**Deborah Hunt, PhD, RN**  
**Assistant Professor of Nursing**  
**College of New Rochelle**



Deborah Hunt PhD, RN is an Assistant Professor of Nursing at The College of New Rochelle. Her research interests are nurse turnover, transition of the new nurse, leadership, and patient outcomes. She is a dedicated advocate of health and wellness promotion across populations. She is a fellow in the New York Academy of Medicine and a member of Community Board 10 in the Bronx and Chair of its Health and Human Services Committee. She is the Co-Founder/Director of The College of New Rochelle Nurse Advocacy Forum, and a member of Sigma Theta Tau National Honor Society in Nursing and the Region 14 UN committee. She is currently serving as one of the nurse co-leads for the Northern Metropolitan regions of the New York State IOM Future of Nurses Action Coalition. She is on the editorial advisory board of ADVANCE for Nurses and recently published a textbook for new nurse educators.

**Gail Hunt**  
**President; CEO**  
**National Alliance for Caregiving**



Hunt is the President and CEO of the National Alliance for Caregiving, a non-profit coalition dedicated to conducting research and developing national programs for family caregivers and the professionals who serve them. Prior to heading NAC, Ms. Hunt was President of her own aging services consulting firm for 14 years. She conducted corporate eldercare research for the National Institute on Aging and the Social Security Administration, developed training for caregivers with AARP and the American Occupational Therapy Association, and designed a corporate eldercare program for EAPs with the Employee Assistance Professional Association. Prior to having her own firm, she was Senior Manager in charge of human services for the Washington, DC, office of KPMG Peat Marwick. Ms. Hunt attended Vassar College and graduated from Columbia University in New York. In May of 2004, she was appointed by the White House to serve on the Policy Committee for the 2005 White House Conference on Aging. Additionally, Ms. Hunt is on the Governing Board of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI).

## **Elizabeth A. Jacobs, MD, MAPP, FACP**

**Associate Professor of Medicine and Population Health Sciences;**

**Vice Chair for Health Services Research in the Department of Medicine, University of Wisconsin**



Elizabeth A. Jacobs is Associate Professor of Medicine and Population Health Sciences and Vice Chair for Health Services Research in the Department of Medicine at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. She attended medical school at the University of California at San Francisco and trained as a general internist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. She completed a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Fellowship and a Masters in Public Policy at the University of Chicago.

After struggling to care for limited English-speaking patients during medical school and residency, she decided to pursue a research career investigating minority disparities in health care. Dr. Jacobs' research interests include access to, and cultural specificity of, medical care delivered to minority patients, the impact of interpreter service interventions on the cost and quality of healthcare, health literacy and numeracy, and the role that trust in health care plays in racial/ethnic disparities in health care. Her research has been supported by grants from the National Cancer Institute, the National Institute on Aging, The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, The California Endowment, The Russell Sage Foundation and the Office of Minority Health.

## **Allison Kalloo, MPH**

**Founder; CEO**

**Clinical Ambassador, LLC**



Kalloo is founder of Clinical Ambassador LLC and serves as a minority engagement liaison between the clinical research and pharmaceutical industries and communities of color. Her creative company provides durable communication-based engagement services that impact minority inclusion in clinical trials and bridge critical patient recruitment gaps. A thought leader in marketing, cultural competence, and informed consent, Allison has designed ingenious patient-centered innovations for more than 15 years across public health, healthcare, and clinical research sectors with a focus on disparities, special populations, and research literacy. She has authored a trifecta of Clinical Ambassador PASSPORTS to enhance patient empowerment and industry reach, and developed the WiseTrials protocol survey and the i-Que staff-training curriculum to deliver authentic cultural competence. She earned a Master of Public Health degree from Yale, was recently voted one of the "100 Most Inspiring People" by *PharmaVoice*, and is published in the *ACRP Monitor*.

## **Erin Kent, PhD**

**Epidemiologist; Program Director**

**National Cancer Institute**



Dr. Erin Kent is an Epidemiologist and Program Director with the Outcomes Research Branch in the Applied Research Program of the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences at the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Dr. Kent manages a program of research in the area of cancer health outcomes, with an emphasis in reducing health disparities in patient-centered outcomes. Dr. Kent serves as a scientific lead for the data linkage between the Surveillance Epidemiology and End Results program and the Medicare Health Outcomes Study (SEER-MHOS), which provides cancer outcomes and patient-reported data on health-related quality of life, functional status, and chronic health conditions in elderly Medicare Advantage enrollees. Dr. Kent previously served as a Cancer Prevention Fellow (CPF) in the Office of Cancer Survivorship (OCS) at NCI and received her PhD from the School of Social Ecology at the University of California, Irvine.

## **Neil M. Kirschner, PhD**

**Epidemiologist; Program Director**

**National Cancer Institute**

Neil M. Kirschner, Ph.D. is a Senior Associate of Regulatory and Insurer Affairs at the American College of Physicians (ACP). He manages a portfolio of issues including revitalizing primary care, the medical home and neighborhood, healthcare payment reform and comparative effectiveness. He has been the lead staff member on ACP's Council of Subspecialty Societies' Patient-Centered Medical Home Workgroup and co-authored the College's policy paper titled The Patient Centered Medical Home Neighbor: The Interface of the Patient Centered Medical Home with Specialty/Subspecialty Practices. He has also written articles and policy papers on payment reform, the medical home, comparative effectiveness and healthcare transparency.

Neil served as a Fellow and subsequently a member of the professional staff of the U.S. Senate Joint Economic Committee and the House of Representatives' Ways and Means Health Subcommittee prior to joining the ACP. Neil was employed for many years as a licensed Clinical Psychologist and clinical administrator within a behavioral healthcare system in Baltimore, Maryland before entering into a second career in health policy.

## **Jane Kogan, PhD**

**Director**

**UPMC Center for High Value Health Care; University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine**



Jane N. Kogan, Ph.D. is Director, UPMC Center for High Value Health Care and faculty in the Department of Psychiatry, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Dr. Kogan has experience in development, design, and implementation of large-scale behavioral health studies. She uses both qualitative and quantitative research methods in her work to ensure broad stakeholder input with the ultimate goal of improving access and quality of behavioral health care in routine care settings, particularly for those with serious mental illness. Dr. Kogan is investigator on multiple grants examining factors that influence dissemination of evidence-based and/or promising practices to community settings as well as studies evaluating the implementation and impact of system-wide behavioral health interventions. She has over 15 years of experience in presenting findings at regional/national health services conferences and serving as editorial consultant for several peer-reviewed journals and an ad hoc reviewer for the National Institute of Mental Health.

## **Erik Koffijberg**

**Director**

**Institute for Cancer Outcomes Research and Evaluation**



Dr. Koffijberg is assistant professor Health Technology Assessment (HTA) at the University Medical Centre Utrecht (The Netherlands). He has an MSc in Technical Computer Science, a study combining mathematics and informatics, from Delft University of Technology (The Netherlands), and a PhD in Health Technology Assessment from Utrecht University (The Netherlands). He has ample experience in applied health economics as well as methodological research within the field of HTA. His research focuses on the evaluation of diagnostic and prognostic strategies and tests, and value of information methods. He has conducted economic evaluations of, amongst others, (diagnostic) interventions in cardiology, neurology, radiology, COPD, gastrointestinal diseases, and deep venous thrombosis. In 2010 he received a prestigious personal grant (VENI) from NWO (The Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research) for methodological research on the evaluation of diagnostic and prognostic tests.

## **Andreas Laupacis, MD, MSc, FRCPC**

**Executive Director; Scientist; Professor**

**Keenan Research Centre, Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute of St. Michael's Hospital, Department of Medicine and University of Toronto**



Laupacis is a general internist and the Executive Director of the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute at St. Michael's Hospital. He is a Professor at the University of Toronto in both the Department of Medicine and the Institute of Health Policy Management and Evaluation. His research interests are broad; he has published over 300 peer-reviewed articles, covering a variety of topics in clinical epidemiology, health services research, health technology assessment and health policy. He has also served as a member of numerous academic and governmental advisory committees, including the Board of Cancer Care Ontario (2011-present), where he chairs the Strategic Planning, Performance & Risk Management Committee and the Alberta Health Services Board (2008-2010), where he chaired its Quality and Safety Committee.

In 2011, Dr. Laupacis was awarded the 2011 Health Services Research Advancement Award from the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation and was also named the Justice Emmett Hall Laureate in 2010.

## **Michael S. Lauer, MD**

**Director of the Division of Cardiovascular Sciences**

**National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute**



Lauer has served as Director of the Division of Cardiovascular Sciences at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute since October 14, 2009. Dr. Lauer is a cardiologist and clinical epidemiologist noted for his work on diagnostic testing, clinical manifestations of autonomic nervous system dysfunction, and clinical comparative effectiveness. Dr. Lauer received a BS in biology from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and an MD from Albany Medical College; he also participated in the Program in Clinical Effectiveness at the Harvard School of Public. He received post-graduate training at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston's Beth Israel Hospital, and the Framingham Heart Study. Prior to coming to NIH, Dr. Lauer was a Professor of Medicine, Epidemiology, and Biostatistics at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University and a Contributing Editor for JAMA (Journal of the American Medical Association). He is an elected member of the American Society of Clinical Investigation and won the Ancel Keys Award of the American Heart Association in 2008. In 2010 he won the NIH Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Award of the Year.

## **Carrie Levin, PhD**

**Director of Research**

**Informed Medical Decisions Foundation**



Carrie Levin is the Director of Research at the Informed Medical Decisions Foundation. In her role, she manages the Foundation's research activities in support of the organization's mission which is, "To Inform and Amplify the Patient's Voice in Health Care Decisions". She is involved in the design, collection, analysis and dissemination of research instruments, protocols and results. Prior to joining the Foundation, she worked as a senior analyst at Qualidigm, Connecticut's quality improvement organization (QIO) and as an assistant research professor at the Institute for Health, Health Policy and Aging Research at Rutgers University. Carrie holds a BA from Wellesley College and a PhD in health services research from the University of Minnesota.

## **Michelle Luo, PhD**

**Director of Medical Outcomes Research and Economics**

**Baxter Healthcare Corporation**



Michelle Luo, PhD, has over 10 years of pharmaceutical experience in health economics and outcomes research. Currently, she is the Director of Medical Outcomes Research and Economics for Baxter Healthcare Corporation, in charge of evidence generation and economic assessments that are used by US, EU and other payers across the globe to inform coverage policy for the biotherapeutic products that Baxter manufactures and develops. Prior to Baxter, Dr. Luo had growing responsibility at Abbott Laboratories in Global Health Economics and Outcomes Research, as well as in Marketing Analytics and Business Insights. She earned her graduate degrees from the University of Southern California in both pharmaceutical economics and policy, and biomedical research.

## **Michele Maiers, PhD**

**Assistant Professor**

**Michigan State University**



Michele Maiers is Associate Dean of Research at Northwestern Health Sciences University (NWHSU), a multi-purpose educational institution training doctors of chiropractic, acupuncture and Oriental medicine practitioners, and massage therapists. Her research focuses on mixed methods clinical trials that compare the effectiveness of conservative therapies for musculoskeletal conditions, as well as the incorporation of research into educational settings and clinical practice. Additionally, Dr. Maiers has an appointment with NWHSU's Center for Healthcare Innovation and Policy, collaborating with several health systems in the Minneapolis/ St. Paul metropolitan area to coordinate local health care delivery with evidence based complementary and integrative medicine. Recent collaborations include collaboration with the Minnesota Department of Health in state reform initiatives, and partnerships with area pioneer ACOs to implement best practices in musculoskeletal care.

## **Rebecca Malouin, PhD**

**Assistant Professor**

**Michigan State University**

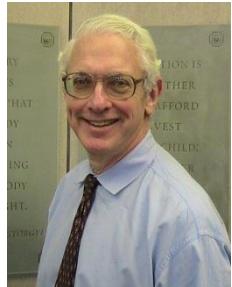


Dr. Rebecca Malouin is currently a tenure-system assistant professor, jointly appointed in the Department of Family Medicine and the Department of Pediatrics and Human Development, in the College of Human Medicine at Michigan State University. She is also Director of the Primary Care Research and Evaluation Program. She received her PhD and MPH, both from the Johns Hopkins University and completed postdoctoral training in epidemiology, funded by the National Institutes of Health, at Michigan State University. Dr. Malouin currently serves as an evaluator for several national and regional projects and initiatives promoting the "medical home" model of primary care. She has served as an evaluator for a medical home project focusing on care coordination for children with special health care needs, funded as a state demonstration project by the Michigan Department of Community Health. She also serves as an external evaluator for the Priority Health Patient Centered Medical Home grants program and the First Steps Children's Healthcare Access Program in Grand Rapids.

## **Michael Miller, MD**

**Professor of Pediatrics**

**Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University**



Michael L. Miller, M.D. is Professor of Pediatrics, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University. He recently assumed the role of Interim Deputy Director of Research – Clinical Sciences, and Interim Director of the Clinical and Translational Research Program (CTR) at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago Research Center. The programs he directs provide support in the areas of biostatistics, research IT, research pharmacy, and related areas to all clinical investigators at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. Dr. Miller is a pediatric rheumatologist whose clinical research is in the area of outcomes of children with juvenile idiopathic arthritis, using data extracted from electronic medical records.

## **Nancy E. Miller, PhD**

**Senior Science Policy Analyst**

**Office of Science Policy, NIH**



Miller serves as Senior Science Policy Analyst in the Office of Science Policy, Office of the Director, NIH, where she serves as principal staff advisor to the Director, NIH, on health care reform policy issues and programmatic activities related to the agency's Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER) portfolio. She serves as principal policy advisor to the Director, NIH on activities related to the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, (PCORI), providing support in his role as a member of the Board of Governors and the Program Development Committee and tracks PCORI Methodology Committee Subcommittee activities.

Dr. Miller is a recipient of many Departmental and NIH Director's awards for her contributions to healthcare quality, comparative effectiveness research, nanotechnology policy and Alzheimer's disease research advancement. She completed her education at NYU, Harvard University and the University of Chicago. She has published articles, chapters and edited books pertaining to clinical research, research methods and psychopathology, and serves as Adjunct Clinical Professor, Department of Psychiatry, at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. Dr. Miller is a research graduate of the Washington Psychoanalytic Institute and of the Washington School of Psychiatry.

## **Linda Morgan, MBA, RPh**

**Pharmacist, Advocate**

**Parkinson's Disease Foundation**



Linda Morgan, MBA, RPh is a registered pharmacist currently working as a remote pharmacist for Mission Hospitals. In 2005 she was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, and within 35 days of diagnosis, she had researched and founded the first clinical trial in which she was to participate, thus beginning her work in clinical research advocacy. Since then she has participated in more than 15 trials varying from a blood draw and exam to a weeklong inpatient trial at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Linda Morgan is a research advocate with the Parkinson's Disease Foundation's Parkinson's Advocates in Research (PAIR) program, having graduated from the inaugural Clinical Research Learning Institute (CRLI) in 2008. She also serves on PDF's Parkinson Patients Advisory Council. Ms. Morgan served as Patient Representative on PCORI's Research Prioritization Technical Working Group to provide the patient perspective on the approach, process, and tools for prioritization. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and later earned a Master in Business Administration from Western Carolina University.

## **Sally Morton, PhD**

**Professor and Chair, Department of Biostatistics**

**University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health**



Sally C. Morton is Professor and Chair of the Department of Biostatistics in the Graduate School of Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh. Previously, she was Vice President for Statistics and Epidemiology at RTI International, and spent the first part of her career at the RAND Corporation. Her research focuses on evidence synthesis, particularly meta-analysis, and she collaborates with the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Evidence-Based Practice Center program. Dr. Morton was a member of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) comparative effectiveness research prioritization committee, and Vice Chair of the IOM committee on systematic review standards. She is a past-president of the American Statistical Association (ASA), a Fellow of the ASA and of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and an Elected Member of the Society for Research Synthesis Methodology. She received a Ph.D. in statistics from Stanford University.

## **Dana Mukamel, PhD**

**Professor, Department of Medicine and Senior Fellow, Health Policy Research Institute**

**University of California, Irvine**



Dana B. Mukamel, Ph.D. is Professor at the Department of Medicine and Senior Fellow at the Health Policy Research Institute at the University of California, Irvine. She also has affiliations with the UCI Paul Merage School of Business and the University of Rochester, Medical Center. Dr. Mukamel holds a Ph.D. in economics and her research focuses on issues related to quality of care, including measurement of quality based on risk adjusted health outcomes and studies of patient, provider, and market characteristics contributing to provision of high quality care. Her extensive research program is funded by grants from federal agencies (AHRQ, NIA, NINR and the VA) and private foundations (The Commonwealth Fund and the California Health Care Foundation). Dr. Mukamel served on the editorial board of the American Journal of Public health and many national advisory and review boards for organizations such as CMS, AHRQ, and MedPAC.

## **Evans Myers, MD, MPH**

**Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology; Chief of Clinical and Epidemiological Research**

**Duke University School of Medicine; Duke Translational Medicine Institute**

## **Huseyin Naci, MA**

**Fellow in Pharmaceutical Policy Research**

**Harvard Medical School; Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Institute**

Huseyin Naci is a Fellow in Pharmaceutical Policy Research at the Department of Population Medicine of Harvard Medical School and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Institute, where he is evaluating the impact of Medicare Part D on the utilization and expenditures of cardiovascular medications. His current research focuses on medicines regulation, health technology assessment, and the role of comparative clinical effectiveness evidence on health care decision-making.



Mr. Naci has over four years of experience in the scientific consulting sector, leading and participating in health economics projects for the pharmaceutical industry. As a Fulbright scholar, Mr. Naci received his Master of Health Sciences degree in International Health, with a focus on Health Economics from the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health (Baltimore, MD, USA) and his Bachelor of Arts degree in Biochemistry from Knox College (Galesburg, IL, USA). He is currently completing his doctoral degree from the London School of Economics in Pharmaceutical Policy and Economics (London, UK).

## **Linda Nguyen, MPP**

**Director of Civic Engagement**  
**Alliance for Children and Families**



Linda Nguyen is a national advocate for civic engagement and constituent voice. In her current role as Director of Civic Engagement for the Alliance for Children and Families, Nguyen supports organizations around the U.S. in their efforts to amplify the voices of children and families for better communities. Her work with the Alliance has assisted thousands of community members to actively and directly address key social and economic issues. She provides consultation and training to staff and volunteers, oversees a civic engagement measurement and benchmarking initiative, and manages the New Voices Civic Engagement Fellowship Program for civic engagement leaders. Nguyen completed her undergraduate studies in Social Welfare at UC Berkeley, and earned a Master's in Public Policy from the University of Michigan. She serves on the boards of OMB Watch, Nonprofit Vote, and Management Assistance Group. She resides in Washington DC.

## **Ting Pun, PhD**

**Stanford Linear Accelerator Center**

Ting Pun has been a full time caregiver, a student of Multiple Sclerosis and Neuroimmunology for the past 8 years. He ran a computer rental & leasing business for over 20 years before taking early retirement. Prior to a business career, he was a High Energy Physicist at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. After receiving his PhD from Columbia University in New York City, he moved west to join the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center as a post-doc. Ting has been volunteering as a patient advisor for the Palo Alto Medical Foundation for the last 2 years. Besides his interest in autoimmune diseases, he would like to get more involved in the improvement of the present Health Care System, especially issues pertaining to care delivery and its inherent disparity.

## **Scott Ramsey, MD, PhD**

**Director**

**Institute for Cancer Outcomes Research and Evaluation**



Scott Ramsey, MD, PhD, is a Full Member in the Cancer Prevention Program at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center where he directs the Research and Economic Assessment in Cancer and Healthcare (REACH) group, a multidisciplinary team devoted to clinical and economic evaluations of new and existing cancer prevention, screening and treatment technologies. He is also a Professor in the School of Medicine, School of Pharmacy, and Institute for Public Health Genetics at University of Washington. Trained in Medicine and economics, his primary research interest is in studying the economic aspects of new medical technologies. Dr. Ramsey is a leader in the field of Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER), past President of the International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR), and has served on the IOM Cancer Policy Forum.

## **Alex Reed, PsyD, MPH**

**Clinical Psychologist and Director of Behavioral Science, Mental Health, and Research**  
**Family Medicine Residency**



Alex Reed, PsyD is a clinical psychologist and the Director of Behavioral Science, Mental Health and Research at the Family Medicine Residency in Boise, Idaho. He received his PsyD from the Illinois School of Professional Psychology in Chicago and completed a postdoctoral fellowship in primary care psychology at the University of Massachusetts School of Medicine. He then obtained his MPH from the University of Kansas School of Medicine. He has been teaching family medicine residents for over ten years. He currently provides patient care, teaches family medicine and psychiatry residents, and conducts research at a federally qualified health center-look alike. He is married and has two wonderful children, Jack and Allie. He enjoys mountain biking, golf, hiking, skiing, snowboarding and cooking, and his research interests include behavioral health in primary care, primary care, workforce development, and tobacco cessation.

## **Jean Slutsky, PA, MSPH**

**Director, Center for Outcomes and Evidence  
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality**

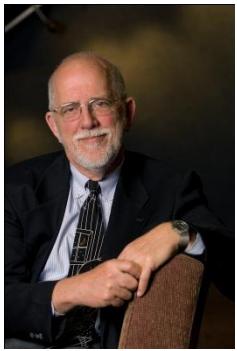


Slutsky has directed the Center for Outcomes and Evidence (COE), Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services since June 2003. Prior to Ms. Slutsky's appointment as director of COE, she served as acting director of the Center for Practice and Technology Assessment at AHRQ. She is a member of the AcademyHealth Methods Council and a member of the Methods Committee of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Institute (PCORI). Prior to becoming acting director of the Center for Practice and Technology Assessment, Ms. Slutsky, served as project director of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, an internationally recognized panel of experts who make evidence-based recommendations on clinical preventive services.

Ms. Slutsky received her Bachelor of Science (General Science) degree at the University of Iowa, a Masters of Science in Public Health (Health Policy and Administration) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and trained as a Physician Assistant at the University of Southern California. Sally Morton

## **Leif I. Solberg, MD**

**Associate Medical Director and Director for Care Improvement Research; Clinical Professor  
HealthPartners Medical Group; University of Minnesota**



Leif I. Solberg, MD, is a family physician and Associate Medical Director at HealthPartners Medical Group, Director for Care Improvement Research at HealthPartners Institute for Education and Research, board member for the Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI), and Clinical Professor at the University of Minnesota. He is also on the Steering Committee for the Minnesota Shared Decision Making Collaborative. He has published over 200 papers in peer-reviewed journals and is internationally known for his research on quality measurement and improvement, clinical guidelines, clinical preventive services, chronic disease care, stakeholder involvement in research, and implementation/organizational change. He is a strong advocate for having more health services and clinical research focused on topics important to patients, clinicians, and care system leaders, and conducted in partnership with those groups. He just completed a term on the Stakeholder Advisory Group for AHRQ.

## **Louis Tharp**

**Executive Director**

**Global Healthy Living Foundation**



After running Clay Marketing & Public Relations, a successful international public relations, advertising, and marketing company for nearly 20 years, and working for some of the largest international PR and marketing agencies specializing in maritime, technology, health and dot coms, Louis Tharp became a social entrepreneur in 1999. He co-founded and acted as venture capitalist for CreakyJoints, an international service organization and social media site for people with arthritis, RedPatch, an advocacy organization for people with psoriasis, and CreakyBones, a social networking site for people with osteoporosis which are now a part of the Global Healthy Living Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit patient advocacy and access to care organization. He is currently Executive Director.

GHLF and Louis Tharp are also active in eliminating fail first practices within the healthcare industry where people are forced to fail on insurer-specified medications before they can take the prescription drugs their physicians prescribe. Previously, Louis Tharp was a contract writer for The New York Times and other daily newspapers. He published his first book, *The Complete Manager's Guide to Promotional Merchandise* (Dow-Jones Irwin) in 1989.

He served on the Board of Visitors for the College of Business Administration at Butler University, Indianapolis, where he graduated with both a B.S. and B.A. in Journalism in 1972.

**Renda Wiener, MD, MPH**  
**Assistant Professor of Medicine**  
**Boston University School of Medicine**



Renda Soylemez Wiener, MD, MPH is a pulmonary and critical care physician and health services researcher. Dr. Wiener's research has focused on improving patient-clinician communication and decision-making for patients facing high stakes medical issues, such as critical illness or a potentially cancerous lung nodule. She is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Boston University School of Medicine and a core investigator at the Bedford VA's Center for Health Quality, Outcomes, and Economic Research. She received her MD from Columbia P&S and her MPH from the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy & Clinical Practice. She was awarded the Thomson Award at the Dartmouth Institute and the Robert Dawson Evans Junior Faculty Award from Boston University School of Medicine in recognition of her research in pulmonary and critical care outcomes. She lives in Newton, Massachusetts with her husband and two children.

**Nalini Visvanathan, PhD, MPH**  
**Researcher**  
**National Health Systems Resource Centre**



Nalini Visvanathan is an independent researcher, currently based in New Delhi, where she is completing her research on community health workers as a Fulbright-Nehru Senior Research Scholar, affiliated with the National Health Systems Resource Centre. As an undergraduate faculty, she taught international development studies for many years, focusing on women's health, social demography and international migration, as well as minority health in the US. Her doctoral research examined the role of social support in the adoption of preventive health practices for cardiovascular disease and her master's in public health was concentrated on global health and women's reproductive health issues. Having a longstanding interest in participatory processes in social development, she helped set up a participatory evaluation system for a non-formal education program to empower adolescents. She has also served on community advisory boards monitoring HIV clinical trials and on proposal review committees for community-based participatory research studies. She is a member of the National Breast Cancer Coalition and active in the Breast Cancer Deadline 2020 campaign.

**Clyde Yancy, MD, MSc**  
**Chief, Division of Medicine-Cardiology**  
**Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine**



Yancy is Chief, Cardiology, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and Associate Director, The Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Until recently he was the Medical Director at Baylor Heart and Vascular Institute and Chief of Cardiothoracic Transplantation at Baylor University Medical Center. He co-chairs the Coalition to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Cardiovascular Outcomes sponsored by the American College of Cardiology (ACC). He has served as President of the American Heart Association (AHA) and on the Executive Council of the Heart Failure Society of America. He is a member of the ACC Guideline Taskforce which oversees all ACC/AHA guidelines. His research interests include the emerging role of registries in cardiovascular diseases, management of advanced heart failure with new drugs and devices and heart failure in special populations. He received a BS from Southern University, an MD from Tulane University School of Medicine, and an MSc. from the University of Texas at Dallas.

## **Fouza Yusuf, MS, MPH**

**Program Coordinator**

**Medical College of Wisconsin**



Fouza Yusuf is a program coordinator for the Center for Clinical Effectiveness Research at the Children's Research Institute of Children's Hospital of Wisconsin and the Medical College of Wisconsin. She manages the day-to-day operations of the center to advance its strategic goals and mission. Fouza obtained her undergraduate degree from the University of Nairobi, Kenya and is a two-time graduate of the Ohio State University, earning master's degrees in Microbiology and Public Health. She has a research background in breast cancer; childhood obesity interventions in the primary care setting, community based health care interventions, pediatric primary care and pediatric palliative care. Fouza is a parent to a child with a chronic health condition and is a caregiver and a health care advocate for her family.