

# Engagement Awardee Lunch and Learn:

## Virtual Engagement

### June 24, 2020

#### Presenters

##### **Bruce Leff, MD, Project Lead**

Bruce Leff, MD, is Professor of Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. His research focuses on novel models of care delivery for older adults, multi-morbidity, risk prediction, performance measurement, and quality measurement and improvement, with an emphasis on home and community-based models of care such as hospital at home, home-based primary care, and others. He has served on multiple Technical Expert Panels for Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, National Committee for Quality Assurance, and National Quality Forum. He cares for patients in the acute, ambulatory, and home settings, and is an award-winning teacher and mentor. He is the Chair of the Geriatric Medicine Board of the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) and Chair-elect of the ABIM Council. He serves on the editorial board of the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

##### **Orla C. Sheehan, MSc, PhD, Co-Investigator**

Orla C. Sheehan, MSc, PhD, is Assistant Professor at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in the Division of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology, and Core Faculty at the Center on Aging and Health.

Sheehan has vast clinical experience caring for frail older adults with multiple chronic conditions and teaching qualifications, in addition to an extensive knowledge of many aspects of research. She led Ireland's first population-based Transient ischemic attack (TIA) epidemiology study and her PhD focused on examining the clinical, etiological and serum biomarkers that predict stroke after TIA. Since moving to the United States, she has focused on a number of projects around caregiving, improving communication around medication in skilled home health care, and improving the quality of home based medical care received by frail elderly patients with multiple chronic conditions. She is a co-investigator on a number of complex multisite studies, specifically the Caring for Adults Recovering from the Effects of Stroke (CARES) study and the Caregiving Transitions Study. She directs the Linked Administrative Data Resource (LADR) linking administrative claims data to longitudinal studies on aging and leads analyses of NHATS and REGARDS CMS linked data examining healthcare utilization of people with MCCs and the effects of caregivers and other factors on that utilization.

Sheehan is a geriatrician who completed her undergraduate medical training and PhD in University College Dublin, Ireland. She also holds a Masters in Stroke Medicine from the University of Krems, Austria. Following internship, residency and both geriatric and internal medicine fellowships in Ireland she moved to Johns Hopkins in 2014.

**Joanne Nicholson, PhD, Project Lead**

Joanne Nicholson, PhD, is Professor in the Institute for Behavioral Health at Brandeis University and a clinical and research psychologist with over 25 years of experience working with parents with serious mental illnesses, co-occurring substance use and their families. Nicholson has an active program of research on parents and their children, in partnership with people in recovery. She and her collaborators have developed rehabilitation education and training programs and materials for parents, integrating the current knowledge on parents with serious mental illnesses and evaluating interventions for families, including the state-wide ParentingWell initiative in Massachusetts. Nicholson is Co-Investigator for the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR)-funded INROADS project, focusing on treatment needs, access and outcomes for individuals living with disabilities and opioid use disorder, and co-Principal Investigator for the NIDILRR-funded National Research Center for Parents with Disabilities. She is Principal Investigator for the PCORI-funded Creating a Community with Mothers with Mental Illness Using Opioids, and research lead for the Maternal Mental Health Research Collaborative ([research4moms.com](http://research4moms.com)), with over 33,000 Facebook followers.

Nicholson and her colleagues published the first guide for parents living with mental illness written by parents, *Parenting Well When You're Depressed*, and a guide for professionals written by professionals, *Creating Options for Family Recovery: A Provider's Guide to Promoting Parental Mental Health*. She has published over 100 papers and original articles in professional journals and edited volumes, as well as provided interviews for newspapers, magazines and radio in the US and other countries, and has been an invited contributor to the *Huffington Post*.

**Shannon Hennig, MA, Patient Co-Lead**

Shannon Hennig, MA is the Program Director of the Maternal Mental Health Research Collaborative (MMHRC). She is a patient, researcher, and mother with lived experience with perinatal mood and anxiety disorders, and has a background in sociology and communications. Her passion for empowering women who are struggling with pregnancy and postpartum related mood disorders through social media and digital marketing strategies has seen MMHRC's Facebook presence grow to more than 33,000 followers along with 8,700 followers on Instagram over the past two years. Hennig also works as a health communications strategist and copywriter, in addition to being a Visiting Academic Scholar at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University.

**Mandi Pratt-Chapman, PhD, Project Lead**

Mandi Pratt-Chapman, PhD, is Associate Center Director, Patient-Centered Initiatives and Health Equity for the GW Cancer Center. Her research has focused on workforce capacity to advance patient-centered care and health equity in oncology. She led the development of national, consensus-based core competencies; a no-cost training; and a certification process for patient navigators. She was co-Principal Investigator for the National Cancer Survivorship Resource Center and co-authored four holistic clinical practice guidelines on breast, prostate, colorectal, and head and neck cancer survivorship care. She has also been an investigator for four PCORI-funded projects to inform health services standards for cancer survivorship and catalyze dissemination and implementation of evidence-based cancer survivorship and patient navigation practices. Pratt-Chapman is also working to improve the health of LGBTQ+ populations through technical assistance and training for health care providers. Her personal mission is to scale evidence-based practices to optimize health for as many people as possible as quickly as possible.

**Emily Godfrey, MD, MPH, Project Lead**

Emily Godfrey, MD, MPH, is an Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Washington, where she practices full spectrum family medicine and conducts research related to women's health and clinical practice innovation.

Godfrey has an extensive background in clinical research and was thrilled when she first learned about patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR) through her participation in the 2015 North American Primary Care Research Group's (NAPCRG) PCORI-funded Patient and Clinician Engagement (PaCE) Program. After receiving this introduction to PCOR, she received Pipeline to Proposal (P2P) funding and created the Cystic Fibrosis Reproductive and Sexual Health Collaborative (CFReSHC). A unique and largely unrecognized aspect of working with people with cystic fibrosis is that to avoid the passage of dangerous infections to one another, they must practice strict social distancing throughout their entire lives. In this PCORI Eugene Washington Award, Godfrey and CFReSHC stakeholders sought to answer how PCOR teams can authentically engage when all interactions occur online.

**Molly Pam, Patient Partner**

Molly Pam is a patient researcher and advocate for women's health in cystic fibrosis (CF). She is a leader in the CF community, and has served on the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's Adult Advisory Council, the Therapeutics Development Network's protocol review committee, and created and chaired the Sexual and Reproductive Health MiniCon.

Her work with the Cystic Fibrosis Reproductive and Sexual Health Collaborative (CFReSHC) has brought women's health to the forefront of CF research. As part of a team of patients and researchers, she has designed trainings for researchers and community members to partner in research, created a user guide for how to collaborate online, and presented the work in publications and at conferences.

Pam earned her degree in science, technology, and society from Stanford University and worked on CF and public health research throughout her undergraduate career.