



## **Prioritizing Comparative Effectiveness Research Questions Stakeholder Workshops**

### **Workshops/Breakout Groups Chair Biographies**

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**Doubletree Crystal City  
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## **Second-Line Treatment of Type 2 Diabetes Stakeholder Workshop**

### **Workshop Chair**

**Douglas K. Owens, MD, MS**

**Professor of Medicine; Director of the Center for Health Policy and the Center for Primary Care and Outcomes Research**

**Stanford University**

Douglas K. Owens is the Henry J. Kaiser, Jr. Professor, and Director of the Center for Health Policy (CHP) in the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (FSI) and of the Center for Primary Care and Outcomes Research (PCOR) in the Department of Medicine and School of Medicine at Stanford. He is a general internist and Associate Director of the Center for Innovation to Implementation, a health services research center of excellence, at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System. Owens is a Professor of Medicine and, by courtesy, Professor of Health Research and Policy, and Professor of Management Science and Engineering, at Stanford University; he is also a Senior Fellow at FSI.

Owens' research focuses on technology assessment, cost-effectiveness analysis, evidence synthesis, and methods for clinical decision making and guideline development. He is studying the cost-effectiveness of preventive and therapeutic interventions for HIV/AIDS in several countries; diagnostic and therapeutic interventions for cardiovascular disease; the cost effectiveness of current and emerging therapies for hepatitis C virus infection; approaches to quality improvement; and he has developed methods for developing clinical practice guidelines tailored to specific patient populations. Owens chaired the Clinical Guidelines Committee of the American College of Physicians for four years. The guideline committee develops clinical guidelines that are used widely and are published regularly in the Annals of Internal Medicine. He is a member of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, which develops national guidelines on preventive care, including guidelines for screening for breast, colorectal, prostate, and lung cancer.

Owens also directed the Stanford-UCSF Evidence-based Practice Center and the Program on Clinical Decision Making and Guideline Development at PCOR. He directs three training programs in health services research: the Fellowship Program in Health Research and Policy at Stanford, the VA Physician Fellowship in Health Services Research, and the VA Postdoctoral Informatics Fellowship Program.

Owens received a BS and an MS from Stanford University, and an MD from the University of California-San Francisco. He completed a residency in internal medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and a fellowship in health research and policy at Stanford. Owens is a past-President of the Society for Medical Decision Making. He received the VA Undersecretary's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Health Services Research, and the Eisenberg Award for Leadership in Medical Decision Making from the Society for Medical Decision Making. He was elected to the American Society for Clinical Investigation (ASCI) and the Association of American Physicians (AAP).

## **Preventing Opioid Misuse in the Management of Pain Stakeholder Workshop**

### **Workshop Chair:**

**Linda Porter, PhD**

**Policy Advisor for Pain; Program Director, Systems and Cognitive Neuroscience**

**National Institute on Neurological Disorders and Stroke**

**National Institutes of Health**

Dr. Linda Porter joined the National Institute for Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) in 2003. Dr. Porter received a B.Sc. in Physical Therapy from McGill University. Her clinical practice focused on developmental disabilities. She later earned a Ph.D. in neuroscience from Boston University School of Medicine and trained in neurophysiology at the Rockefeller University. She was on the faculty of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences for 15 years, where she directed an NIH funded research program aimed at elucidating mechanisms of sensory-motor integration. As a Program Director at NINDS, Dr. Porter was responsible for managing the institute's pain research portfolio. She participated in the efforts of the NIH Pain Consortium, a trans-NIH entity whose mission is to advance the NIH pain research agenda. She also served as a liaison to the pain research community, voluntary and professional groups and organizations who advocate and care for people with pain. In 2012, Dr. Porter became the Director of the NINDS Office of Pain Policy, for which she supports the activities of the NIH Pain Consortium and the activities of the Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee. She co-Chaired the oversight panel for the development of the National Pain Strategy and the ongoing development of the Federal Pain Research Strategy.

### **Breakout Group Facilitator:**

**Doris Lotz, MD, MPH**

**Chief Medical Officer**

**New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services**

Doris Lotz, MD, MPH is the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) for the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and executive co-lead for the DHHS Office of Quality Assurance and Improvement. As CMO, she leads strategic initiatives and provides clinical guidance to the state's health policies, Medicaid program, and tactical planning including data driven analysis of DHHS strengths and opportunities. Dr. Lotz leads the NH State Innovation Model Design initiative and quality oversight for NH Medicaid demonstration waivers on premium assistance and physical-behavioral health integration. As CMO, she leads ongoing quality program design and oversight for Medicaid expansion, managed care and numerous other state programs and grants. Recent quality improvement activities include development and implementation of the Medicaid Quality Improvement System and initiation of the Medicaid Wellness Incentives program. Prior to becoming CMO and since 2002, Dr. Lotz had been the Medicaid Chief Medical Officer/Medical Director for the State of New Hampshire.

Dr. Lotz is currently the Chair for the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute Improving Healthcare Systems Advisory Panel, and the past Chair of the Medicaid

Medical Directors Network. She has served on numerous PCORI, AHRQ, NQF and CMS initiatives focused on population health, evidenced-based clinical and quality improvement, and data transparency and use.

Dr. Lotz completed her MD degree at The Ohio State University College of Medicine and an internship and residency in emergency medicine at the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. She received her MPH from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and completed a preventive medicine residency at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

**Breakout Group Facilitator:**

**Erin E. Krebs, MD, MPH**

**Medical Director, Women's Comprehensive Health Center**

**Minneapolis Veterans Health Administration**

Erin E. Krebs, MD, MPH is a Core Investigator at the Minneapolis VA Center for Chronic Disease Outcomes Research and Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Minnesota. She is a general internist with an active primary care practice and also serves as Women's Health Medical Director for the Minneapolis VA. Her research focuses on chronic pain management in primary care and benefits and harms of opioid analgesics. She is currently leading a VA-funded randomized pragmatic trial comparing opioid versus non-opioid prescribing strategies for long-term treatment of chronic back and osteoarthritis pain.

**Breakout Group Facilitator:**

**David R. Gastfriend, MD**

**Senior Advisor**

**Treatment Research Institute**

Dr. Gastfriend is Scientific Advisor at the Treatment Research Institute (TRI), the research and policy resource behind the Addiction Severity Index (ASI), the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria Level of Care Certification, the National Parity Monitoring Project, and the Consumers' Guide to addiction treatment.

An addiction psychiatrist, he directed addiction research at Massachusetts General Hospital and was an investigator in the NIDA Cocaine Collaborative Study, the NIAAA COMBINE Study and the NIDA Clinical Trials Network. As Vice President at Alkermes, Inc., he directed publications on Vivitrol in clinical, criminal justice and health economics research.

His ASAM Criteria research contributed to their endorsement by most U.S. states, the VA and DOD. His 150 scientific publications include The ASAM Criteria and Addiction Treatment Matching. He is Chief Architect of CONTINUUM – The ASAM Criteria Decision Engine™ and has consulted to the governments of Belgium, China, Iceland, Israel, Norway, Russia and the U.S.

**Breakout Group Facilitator:**

**Caleb Alexander, MD**

**Co-Director, Center for Drug Safety and Effectiveness; Associate Professor of Epidemiology and Medicine**

**Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health**

Dr. Alexander is an Associate Professor of Epidemiology and Medicine at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, where he serves as founding co-Director of the Center for Drug Safety and Effectiveness and Principal Investigator of the Johns Hopkins Center of Excellence in Regulatory Science and Innovation. He is a practicing primary care physician and pharmacoepidemiologist and the author of over 190 scientific articles examining prescription drug utilization, safety and effectiveness. He has extensive experience in the use of primary and secondary data to characterize the epidemiology of prescription opioid prescribing, dispensing and utilization in the United States as well as to evaluate the effect of regulatory policies on these trends. Dr. Alexander received his B.A. cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania, an MD from Case Western Reserve University, and a Master of Science from the University of Chicago.

# **Patient-Centered Palliative Care Delivery for Adult Patients with Advanced Illnesses and Their Caregivers Stakeholder Workshop**

## **Workshop Chair:**

**Diane E. Meier, MD, FACP**

**Director, Center to Advance Palliative Care**

**Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai**

Dr. Diane E. Meier is Director of the Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC), a national organization devoted to increasing access to palliative care in the United States. Under her leadership the number of palliative care programs in U.S. hospitals has more than tripled in the last 10 years. She is also co-director of the Patty and Jay Baker National Palliative Care Center; Vice-Chair for Public Policy and Professor of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine; Catherine Gaisman Professor of Medical Ethics; and was the founder and Director of the Hertzberg Palliative Care Institute from 1997-2011, all at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York City.

Dr. Meier is the recipient of numerous awards, including the 2008 MacArthur Fellowship — a \$500,000, no-strings-attached award for individuals who have shown exceptional creativity in their work and the promise to do more. She is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. She was named one of 20 People Who Make Healthcare Better in the U.S. by HealthLeaders Media 2010 and received an Honorary Doctorate of Science from Oberlin College in 2010. In 2012, she was awarded American Cancer Society's Medal of Honor for Cancer Control in recognition of her pioneering leadership of the effort to bring non-hospice palliative care into mainstream medicine and received the American Geriatrics Society Edward Henderson State-of-the-Art Lecture Award in 2013. Other honors include the Open Society Institute Faculty Scholar's Award of the Project on Death in America, the Founders Award of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization 2007, AARP's 50th Anniversary Social Impact Award 2008, Castle Connnelly's Physician of the Year Award 2009, and the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Lifetime Achievement Award 2009. She is Principal Investigator of an NCI-funded five-year multisite study on the outcomes of hospital palliative care services in cancer patients. Dr. Meier served as one of Columbia University's Health and Aging Policy Fellows in Washington DC during the 2009-2010 academic year, working both on the Senate's HELP Committee and in the Department of Health and Human Services.

Dr. Meier has published more than 200 original peer review papers, and several books. Her most recent book, (Kelley AS, Meier DE, eds.) *Meeting the Needs of Older Adults with Serious Illness: Challenges and Opportunities in the Age of Health Reform* was published by Humana Press, New York, in 2014.

She edited the first textbook on geriatric palliative care, as well as four editions of Geriatric Medicine. As one of the leading figures in the field of palliative medicine, Dr. Meier has appeared numerous times on television and in print, including ABC World News Tonight, Open Mind with Richard Hefner, the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, USA

Today, the New Yorker, AARP, and Newsweek. She figured prominently in the Bill Moyers series *On Our Own Terms*, a four-part documentary aired on PBS.

Diane E. Meier received her BA from Oberlin College and her MD from Northwestern University Medical School. She completed her residency and fellowship training at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland. She has been on the faculty of the Department of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine and Department of Medicine at Mount Sinai since 1983. She lives in New York City.

**Breakout Group Chair:**

**Marian Grant, DNP, ACNP-BC, ACHPN, FPCN, RN**

**Director, Policy and Professional Engagement**

**Coalition to Transform Advanced Care**

Marian Grant is the Director of Policy and Professional Engagement at the Coalition to Transform Advanced Care (C-TAC) in Washington, DC. In addition, she is a nurse practitioner (NP) dually certified in Acute Care and Palliative Care/Hospice, an associate professor at the University of Maryland School of Nursing, an adjunct professor at the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, and an NP on the University of Maryland Medical Center's Palliative Care Service. Dr. Grant was a 2014-2015 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellow and worked both in Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi's office and at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) on the Medicare Care Choices Model. She currently serves as a member of the American Nurses Association's (ANA) Palliative & Hospice Nursing Professional Issues Panel Steering Team, the Community Health Accreditation Partner's (CHAP) Palliative Advanced Illness Care Steering Committee, and the Evidence Communication Innovation Collaborative at the Institute of Medicine (IOM)/National Academy of Medicine.

Grant received her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) from the University of Maryland, and her Masters and Bachelors in Nursing degrees from the Johns Hopkins University. She has worked as a nurse at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, helped start the Palliative Care program at the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, and was an NP at the Gilchrist Hospice In-Patient Unit in Towson, Maryland. She is a co-author of *The Hospice and Palliative Care Approach to Serious Illness*, has done research as an online palliative care nurse practitioner on the Johns Hopkins Pancreatic Cancer website, and blogged for the *Journal of Palliative Medicine*. Before becoming a nurse, Dr. Grant received a Bachelors in Science from Miami University in mass communication and had a career in advertising and marketing for the Procter & Gamble Company.

**Breakout Group Chair:**

**James Tulsky, MD**

**Chair, Department of Psychosocial Oncology and Palliative Care**

**Dana-Farber Cancer Institute**

Dr. James Tulsky is Chair, Department of Psychosocial Oncology and Palliative Care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Chief, Division of Palliative Medicine, Brigham and Women's Hospital, and Professor of Medicine and Co-Director, Center for Palliative Care

at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Tulsky attended Cornell University as an undergraduate, completed his medical degree at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago, and received his internal medicine training at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). He continued at UCSF as chief medical resident and subsequently as a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar. From 1993-2015 he was on faculty at Duke University where his last position was Professor of Medicine and Nursing and Chief, Duke Palliative Care. He is the recipient of the 2002 Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (the highest national award given by the White House Office of Science and Technology for early career investigators), the 2006 Award for Research Excellence from the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, the 2013 George L. Engel Award from the American Academy on Communication in Healthcare for “outstanding research contributing to the theory, practice and teaching of effective healthcare communication and related skills,” and, most recently, the 2014 American Cancer Society Pathfinder in Palliative Care award.

Dr. Tulsky has a longstanding interest in doctor-patient communication and quality of life at the end of life, and has published widely in these areas. His current research focuses on the evaluation and enhancement of communication between oncologists and patients with advanced cancer, identification of clinical, psychosocial and spiritual trajectories of patients at the end of life, development of self-management interventions for patients with life-limiting illness, and evaluating the role of palliative care in congestive heart failure. He is a Founding Director of VitalTalk ([www.vitaltalk.org](http://www.vitaltalk.org)) a non-profit devoted to nurturing healthier connections between clinicians and patients through communication skills teaching.

## **Management of Sickle Cell Disease Stakeholder Workshop**

### **Workshop Chair:**

**W. Keith Hoots, MD**

**Director, Division of Blood Diseases and Resources**

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

**National Institutes of Health**

On January 5th, 2009, Dr. W. Keith Hoots became Director of NHLBI's Division of Blood Diseases and Resources. Dr. Hoots received his A.B. in English and Chemistry and his M.D. from the University of North Carolina (UNC) in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. While a senior at UNC, he worked in the hemostasis laboratory of Dr. Kenneth Brinkhous. He then completed his Pediatric Internship and Residency at Children's Medical Center, Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, Texas. He returned to UNC for his Fellowship in Pediatric Hematology Oncology and worked in the laboratory of Dr. Harold Roberts. Dr. Hoots then joined the faculty at M.D. Anderson. Dr. Hoots' major interests involve the management and diagnosis of congenital and acquired bleeding disorders and clotting disorders. His work includes the creation of longitudinal follow-up of hemophilia cohorts with HIV and hepatitis, gene therapy trials for Hemophilia A and B, clinical trials of new clotting concentrates for Hemophilia A and B, and the impact of care and clotting factor product on Hemophilia patient outcome. He also has a 20 year interest in the diagnosis and treatment of diffuse intravascular coagulation (DIC), in particular DIC in head trauma. He has been intimately involved in the development of safe coagulation factor products, having completed his training as the HIV epidemic was evolving in hemophilia patients. By the late 1980's, he was able to return to the hemostasis focus which initially attracted him to the field, and he has continued to be a productive investigator and collaborator. He has a strong interest in global collaborations and in developing public-private partnerships and recently completed his sabbatical in Belgium.

Dr. Hoots is a past member of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Blood Safety and Availability Advisory Committee to the Secretary of Health, past chair of the Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee for the National Hemophilia Foundation and subcommittee co-chair of the DIC Subcommittee of International Society of Thrombosis and Hemostasis. He has also been an associate editor for Seminars in Thrombosis and Hemostasis and served on the editorial boards of Haemophilia, Haemophilia Forum and the International Monitor on Hemophilia. Dr. Hoots is a past president of the Hemophilia Research Society of North America.

Dr. Hoots is the NHLBI representative to the Undiagnosed Diseases Network: A Common Fund Initiative across the NIH. He is a member of the Trans-Agency Research Consortium focused on hematologic emergency response for the USA. This is an on-going program with the Department of Defense (DOD) and the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA). Dr. Hoots also collaborates with the American Society of Hematology (ASH) to address enhancement of the research and clinical workforce in non-malignant hematology.

**Breakout Group Chair:**

**Harvey Luksenburg, MD**

**Special Advisor to the Director, Division of Blood Diseases and Resources**

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

**National Institutes of Health**

Harvey Luksenburg, MD, is Special Advisor to the Director, Division of Blood Diseases and Resources, NHLBI. He is a hematologist with extensive experience in caring for individuals with sickle cell disease. He is particularly interested in helping to develop research into the nature and treatment of pain in sickle cell disease. Dr. Luksenburg has A.B. and M.D. degrees from the University of Chicago, and trained in internal medicine and hematology at the Oregon Health Sciences University, George Washington and the NIH. He is a former faculty member at the Georgetown University School of Medicine.