

PCORI Virtual Briefing: COVID-19 & the Future of Telehealth

Event Date and Time:

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 - 02:30 pm to 03:30 pm EDT

Speaker Biographies

Opening Remarks



Nakela L. Cook, MD, MPH

Executive Director, PCORI

Nakela L. Cook, MD, MPH, is Executive Director at the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). She is a cardiologist and health services researcher with a distinguished career leading key scientific initiatives engaging patients, clinicians, and other healthcare stakeholders at one of the nation's largest public health research funders.

Cook leads PCORI's research, dissemination and implementation, and engagement work as the organization enters its second decade of service to the nation. She also provides strategic and day-to-day oversight of ongoing programs as well as new initiatives designed to create a healthcare system that is more efficient, effective, and patient centered.

Speakers



Penny Mohr, MA

Interim Program Director, Research Infrastructure

Penny Mohr, MA, is Senior Advisor, Emerging Technology and Delivery System Innovation Research Initiatives, in the Healthcare Delivery and Disparities Research Program at the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). In this role, she provides scientific leadership and oversight for research funding focused on the ability of healthcare systems to be efficient in improving patient outcomes.

Prior to joining PCORI, she was senior vice president for program development at the Center for Medical Technology Policy; served as director of the division of research on health plans and drugs within the Office of Research, Development, and Information at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS); and was a senior research director at Project HOPE's Center for Health Affairs. Throughout her career, Mohr has pursued interests in medical technology policy and comparative healthcare systems.



Ray Dorsey, MD, MBA

David M. Levy Professor of Neurology, and Director, Center for Health and Technology, University of Rochester Medical Center

Dr. Ray Dorsey is the David M. Levy Professor of Neurology and Director of the Center for Health + Technology at the University of Rochester. The Center seeks to provide care and research opportunities to anyone anywhere. Ray and his colleagues have written ***Ending Parkinson's Disease***, a book that provides a prescription for ending this debilitating condition.

Ray previously directed the movement disorders division and neurology telemedicine at Johns Hopkins and worked as a consultant for McKinsey & Company. His research has been published in leading medical, neurology, and economic journals and has been featured on National

Public Radio, in *The New York Times*, and in *The Wall Street Journal*. In 2015, the White House recognized him as a “Champion for Change” for Parkinson’s disease.



Maureen Hensley-Quinn, MPA

Senior Program Director, National Academy for State Health Policy

Maureen-Hensley Quinn, Senior Program Director, at the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) leads the Emerging Policy Issues team that focuses on states’ efforts to finance, provide and improve coverage and care through public and publicly subsidized health programs. Maureen leads and participates in multiple projects that support states working to ensure people across ages and incomes have access to comprehensive, affordable health coverage and care.

She offers specific expertise in financing and operating children’s coverage provided through Medicaid and CHIP, streamlining eligibility, enrollment and renewal policies and procedures across multiple coverage programs, as well as supporting states’ efforts to contain rising health costs from prescription drugs to hospitals and health systems. Maureen also directs projects that aim to connect state officials to patient-centered outcomes research that may further inform their policymaking.