



Multistakeholder Input on Priority Setting for Health Care Performance Measurement: Getting to Measures that Matter

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Adult Immunizations Committee Biographies

Amir Qaseem, MD, PhD, MHA, FACP is director of the Department of Clinical Policy at ACP. Dr. Qaseem is responsible for the ACP's evidence-based medicine and clinical practice guidelines program, one of the oldest programs in the United States, writing clinical guidelines, and overseeing the College's clinical guidelines committee. Dr. Qaseem is also in charge of the ACP's performance measurement program and is responsible for ACP's performance measurement committee. Dr. Qaseem's work includes ACP's quality improvement programs and implementation of clinical practice guidelines. Dr. Qaseem is also involved in several international collaborations to develop joint clinical guidelines and improve quality of care across different countries. Dr. Qaseem was affiliated with Pennsylvania State University, where he taught courses on health policy, medical epidemiology, and health care medical needs. Dr. Qaseem is currently affiliated with Jefferson Medical College.

Ernest Moy, MD, MPH, is a medical officer in the Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). At AHRQ, his work has included directing the development of the annual National Healthcare Disparities Report and National Healthcare Quality Report and supporting AHRQ's Excellence Centers for the Elimination of Ethnic/Racial Disparities and AHRQ's Patient Safety Organization program. Prior to joining AHRQ, he was director of research and assistant vice president of the Center for the Assessment and Management of Change in Academic Medicine at the Association of American Medical Colleges, where he conducted research on the missions of academic medical centers and developed benchmarking tools to help these institutions improve performance. Dr. Moy is a graduate of Harvard College and New York University School of Medicine. Following internal medicine residency, he was a general internal medicine fellow at Columbia University, a Robert Wood Johnson Health Care Finance fellow at Johns Hopkins University, and an assistant professor of medicine at University of Maryland School of Medicine.

Faruque Ahmed, PhD, has been working at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for 15 years. He is a senior epidemiologist in the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases. Dr. Ahmed has his medical degree from Dhaka Medical College in Bangladesh; an MPH from Johns Hopkins University; and, a PhD in epidemiology from Johns Hopkins. His major achievements include developing: a nationwide system to monitor healthcare personnel influenza vaccination; a national performance measure on pneumococcal vaccination of the elderly; and an explicit approach to incorporate evidence into the important recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

Roger Baxter, MD, FACP, has been co-director of the Kaiser Permanente Vaccine Study Center since 2006. He is principal investigator for many ongoing studies of vaccines, biologics, and the epidemiology of infectious diseases, and has published extensively on vaccine safety and effectiveness. Prior to joining the Kaiser Permanente Vaccine Study Center and devoting himself full-time to research, Dr. Baxter practiced internal medicine and infectious diseases at Kaiser Permanente, Oakland, for 15 years. Board certified in both internal medicine and infectious diseases, he continues to consult with our Oakland



Medical Center on infectious diseases. During his career with Kaiser Permanente, he has directed a travel clinic and a large microbiology laboratory. He led the Kaiser Permanente Influenza Vaccination Program, helping to ensure yearly vaccination for more than 1 million members, and has directed Kaiser Permanente's influenza surveillance program for more than 13 years.

Howard Bregman, MD, MS, FAAP, is a physician on the Clinical Informatics Team at Epic Systems Corporation, in Verona, WI since 2005. The team is responsible for providing clinical guidance and oversight to the software development mission at Epic, in addition to providing guidance to clinicians and clinical organizations using Epic's products. He also serves the primary clinical overseer of all of Epic's clinical quality measurement efforts and its work to support quality measure programs. He previously served on NQF's eMeasure Feasibility Technical Expert Panel and QDM User Group.

Eddy A. Bresnitz, MD, MSCE, FACP is a board certified internist, pulmonary and preventive medicine physician and is Medical Director, Adult Vaccines, Merck Vaccine Division. Previously, Dr. Bresnitz was Deputy Commissioner/State Epidemiologist, Public Health Services Branch in the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (NJDHSS), and Chairman of the Department of Community and Preventive Medicine, MCP Hahnemann School of Medicine. He is a past President of the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists. In 2007-2008, he served on the National Quality Forum's Steering Committee for the project "National Voluntary Consensus Standards for Adult Immunizations".

Jeffery Duchin, MD, is an internal medicine physician, infectious disease specialist and public health professional with training in medical epidemiology. He has a special interest and extensive experience in both immunization practice and policy development. He leads a large urban public health immunization program, participates in a variety of national level immunization activities, and provides clinical immunization care services. Currently, he is a member of the US Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) through June 2014, where he chairs the ACIP General Recommendations Workgroup and the Zoster Vaccine Workgroup and he is a member of the ACIP Influenza and Pneumococcal Vaccine Workgroups.

Jennifer Health, RN, MPH, is a nurse specialist in the Immunization Outreach Unit began her career at the Minnesota Department of Health during the 2009 pandemic. She currently serves on several adult and influenza vaccine initiatives, including health care worker vaccination, vaccination of underserved populations and pandemic preparedness. She graduated from the University of Minnesota- Rochester with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing in 2009 and received her Masters of Public Health in Epidemiology from the University of Minnesota in 2011. Jennifer is currently pursuing a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) specializing in Public Health Nursing at the University of Minnesota.

Robert Hopkins, MD, FACP, FAAP, is Professor of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, Director of the Division of General Internal Medicine, and Director of the Combined Internal Medicine-Pediatrics residency program at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. He a member of the American College of Physicians (ACP) Performance Measurement Committee, Immunization Technical Advisory Committee, immediate past governor of the Arkansas ACP Chapter and recently completed service on



the ACP Clinical Guidelines Committee. He has also served on the Arkansas Department of Health Vaccine Medical Advisory Board and the Executive Committee of the National Influenza Vaccine Summit.

Joseph Hunter, MD, is a native of Jackson, TN. He received his M.D. from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Memphis. Dr. Hunter completed a Family Medicine Residency at Womack Army Medical Center, Ft. Bragg, NC. He is board certified in Family Medicine. After 8 years of military service, he received an Honorable Discharge and went into private practice in Southaven, MS until 2008. He joined the University of Tennessee faculty in 2008 as Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Medicine. Dr. Hunter decided to return home to Olive Branch, MS and joined Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare in November 2011. He currently practices at McClatchy Medical Center in Olive Branch, MS.

Janet Jennings, MS, BS, holds a bachelor's in science degree in Medical Technology and Microbiology from Michigan State University and a Master's degree in Community Medicine from Wayne State University. She has twenty years' experience in the provider community. She developed expertise in Infection Control Epidemiology, Quality Management, Risk Management; she has over ten years' experience working for Blue Care Network as the Director of the Medical Informatics Department. Her area supports the analytics and reports for HEDIS®, Medicare Part C and D reporting, STARS improvement, Disease Management, Case Management, Revenue Management opportunities, Retiree Reinsurance, Survey Research, Quality Studies and Utilization Management.

Caroline Johnson, MD, has served as the Director of the Division of Disease Control for the Philadelphia Department of Public Health since 2004. She oversees surveillance, epidemiology, prevention, and control for communicable diseases of public health importance, including vaccine preventable diseases. In addition, her Division manages the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program, the 317-funded Vaccines for Adults at Risk Program, and the citywide cradle-to-grave Immunization Information System for the City. Dr. Johnson has authored numerous research articles, book chapters, and abstracts pertaining to various topics in infectious diseases and public health. Her areas of special interest are disease surveillance, immunizations, and health risk communication.

James McCabe, Dip Pharm (SA) Rph, responsible for credentialing, compliance and oversight of immunization and disease state management programs at Safeway with particular focus on excellence in patient centered care. Additionally, evaluation of new projects and innovation.

David Nace, MD, MPH is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Geriatric Medicine. Dr. Nace is also the director of long-term care in the division of geriatric medicine at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and director of influenza programs for the University of Pittsburgh Institute on Aging (UPIA). He is an expert in the use of quality improvement techniques to improve the delivery of medical care services in the long-term care setting. His specific areas of research include identifying and overcoming the barriers to influenza and pneumococcal vaccination in the nursing home setting.

Patricia Nuzzie, BS, LVN, has been a Licensed Vocational Nurse for over 25 years. Her most rewarding experience was the seven years she spent caring for the underserved in Houston at a Federally Qualified



Healthcare Center. As a passionate advocate for patient care, she became active in the Texas Association of Community Health Care to learn more about disparities in health care and to find resolutions for barriers to health care. Currently, she is working for a non-profit that provides advocacy and education regarding the use of best practices related to immunizations.

Doug Shenson, MD, MPH, MS, MA, has been a national leader in immunization measurement and practice. In 1997, working with IPRO, Dr. Shenson tested and documented the effects of the SPARC initiative that resulted in the increase pneumococcal vaccination coverage across Dutchess County, NY using Medicare data. In 2005, he led the first Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) validation study of reported use of pneumococcal vaccination. In 2008, in collaboration with CDC, he created the composite up-to-date measure of preventive services use, which includes influenza and pneumococcal vaccination, which is now a HP 2020 goal for older adults. He developed Vote & Vax, a national strategy to provide influenza vaccinations at polling places, garnering the Immunization Excellence Award at the 2009 National Immunization Summit.

Laura Riley, MD, FACOG, is a maternal-fetal specialist, is the medical director of labor and delivery at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, where she focuses on high-risk pregnancy with an emphasis on infectious disease complications of obstetrics. She has participated in a number of research projects on HIV diseases in pregnancy as well as, the association of epidural analgesia and fever. She serves as a consultant to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on perinatal HIV testing and the guidelines on the prevention of Group B Strep. Dr. Riley is a past chair of ACOG's Committee on Obstetric Practice, current chair of ACOG's immunization expert work group and ACOG's liaison to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

Sandra Sommer, PhD, MS, MT, serves as the Quality Assurance and Policy Manager for the Virginia Division of Immunization. She has over 10 years' experience in immunization and more than 25 years in higher education. She manages legislative, regulatory, and policy activities in all areas of immunization for Virginia. Quality assurance responsibilities include the development of a variety of immunization assessment tools for all age groups, including adults. She has been actively involved in statewide Vote & Vaccinate activities for many years and recently participated in the statewide Tdap task force to increase adult coverage rates.

Samuel Stolpe, PharmD, is the Associate Director, Quality Initiatives for the Pharmacy Quality Alliance (PQA, Inc.). In this role he focuses on research and demonstration projects, which show the value of PQA's performance measure set. Prior to joining PQA, Dr. Stolpe held positions in a variety of pharmacy settings, including roles in community pharmacy, academia, and pharmacy association management. His community pharmacy experience spans traditional chain, grocery, and mass merchant retail practice. He also worked for the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, where he managed research and education initiatives related to medication adherence and patient safety.

Litjen (LJ) Tan, PhD, is the Chief Strategy Officer for the Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) where he leads their national advocacy and policy development programs. IAC is the leading developer and



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provider of novel and impactful resources to educate and facilitate immunizations. Dr. Tan is the founder and current co-chair of the National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit. Of note, Dr. Tan has long advocated for improved measurement of adult immunization as one component of a national comprehensive plan to improve adult immunization, and has worked to develop adult immunization quality measures and assist physicians in implementing prevention measures within practices.