



National Quality Forum: Consensus Standards Approval Committee (CSAC)

ACTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

William Conway, MD (Chair)

Henry Ford Health System, Detroit, MI

William Conway, MD (Chair), implemented consistent processes that improved outcomes in critical care and post-operative settings and reduced hospital acquired infections in the hospitals of the Henry Ford Health System. He is leading an initiative to eliminate harm in the continuum of services. He received the 2006 Michigan Health and Hospital Association (MHA) Keystone Center Safety and Quality Leadership Award. He is a former president of the American Medical Group Association and the chair of its Foundation. Dr. Conway is the co-founder of the Group Practice Improvement Network and a board member of the MHA Patient Safety.

Linda Schwimmer, JD (Vice-Chair)

New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute, Princeton, NJ

Linda Schwimmer (Vice-Chair), is the President and CEO of the New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute. Ms. Schwimmer is also a member of the board of the Leapfrog Group, a national hospital safety advocacy group that issues the Hospital Safety Score. Prior to joining the Quality Institute, Ms. Schwimmer was Director of Strategic Relations & External Affairs at Horizon Healthcare Innovations, a subsidiary of Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey. There, Schwimmer was on the leadership team that brought Accountable Care Organizations and the largest Patient Centered Medical Home program to New Jersey. Ms. Schwimmer also served in State Government as Director of Legislation and Policy for the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance, where she represented the Department's position before the State Legislature and worked with State and federal officials on priority legislative initiatives impacting the Insurance, Banking and Real Estate industries. Ms. Schwimmer's experience in State government also includes policy and counsel positions with the Senate Majority Office, where she staffed the Judiciary and Commerce Committees. Schwimmer also has experience in the federal government, having clerked for a U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge and worked as an attorney at the U.S. Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation. For over a decade, she was a lawyer in private practice, specializing in bankruptcy and commercial law. She serves on the New Jersey Department of Health, Quality Improvement Advisory Committee and on the Princeton Board of Health. Ms. Schwimmer received a B.A. with honors from the University of California, Berkeley and a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center.

Richard Bankowitz, MD, MS, MBA, FACP

Prudentia Healthcare Consultants, LLC, Washington, DC

Richard A. Bankowitz, MD, MS, MBA, FACP, is the founding member of Prudentia Healthcare Consultants, LLC, a DC-based consultancy specializing in data-driven performance improvement, analytics and measurement science.

Until recently, he was Chief Medical Officer at America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP). In this role, he worked closely with the clinical leaders of AHIP's member plans to promote high-value health care for consumers. A board-certified internist and medical informaticist, Dr. Bankowitz joined AHIP from Premier Inc., where he served as Chief Medical Officer. Prior to that, he served as the Medical Director of CareScience, a health care improvement company, and as corporate information architect of the University HealthSystem Consortium (now Vizient).

He began his career at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center where he served on the faculty of medicine. Dr. Bankowitz was a National Library of Medicine clinical trainee in informatics and he is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. He holds an MD from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine; a Master of Science in Applied Economics from Johns Hopkins University; an MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business; and a Bachelor of Science in chemistry/biology from Union College in Schenectady, NY.

Melissa Danforth

The Leapfrog Group, Washington, DC

Melissa Danforth is the Vice President of Hospital Ratings at The Leapfrog Group, a Washington, DC based, not-for-profit organization representing the nation's largest employers and purchasers of health benefits working to make great leaps forward in the safety, quality, and value of healthcare.

At Leapfrog, Ms. Danforth serves as member of Leapfrog's senior leadership team informing Leapfrog's strategic direction, engaging experts and stakeholders, and analyzing program results to engage purchasers and consumers and drive safety and quality improvements. Ms. Danforth manages Leapfrog's various measurement and public reporting activities including the Leapfrog Hospital Survey, the Hospital Safety Score, and emerging ratings programs.

Lee Fleisher, MD

University of Pennsylvania Health System, Philadelphia, PA

Lee Fleisher, MD is the Robert D. Dripps Professor and Chair of Anesthesiology and Critical Care and Professor of Medicine at the University Of Pennsylvania School Of Medicine. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania and his medical degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. After completing a surgical internship at the University of Minnesota, he completed an anesthesia residency at Yale University, following which he joined the faculty in 1990. In 1992, he moved to The Johns Hopkins University, where he was Professor and Vice Chair for Clinical Investigation in the Department of Anesthesiology, and held joint appointments in Health Sciences Informatics, Health Policy, and Management and Medicine. He is the Chair of the American Heart Association/American College of Cardiology Guidelines on Perioperative Cardiovascular Evaluation before Non-Cardiac Surgery and a member of the Steering Committee of the Surgical Care Improvement Project of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Dr. Fleisher has published more than 200 articles, chapters, books, and abstracts. He has edited several books and monographs, including Evidence Based Practice of Anesthesiology and the 5th edition of Anesthesia and Uncommon Diseases, Perioperative Medicine: Managing to CSAC Roster: 2017-2018

Outcomes, and associate editor of the 6th edition of Anesthesia. He is a member of the Institute of Medicine.

Stephanie Glier, MPH¹

Pacific Business Group on Health, San Francisco, CA

Stephanie Glier is Senior Manager at the Pacific Business Group on Health, where she manages the Consumer-Purchaser Alliance. This collaboration of leading consumer and purchaser groups works to promote the use of performance measurement in health care to inform consumer choice, value-based payment, and care delivery. Stephanie's portfolio includes building consensus among consumers and purchasers and advocating for their interests in national policy related to improving the quality, patient experience, and affordability of the health care system. Stephanie previously served as program analyst for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Associate Policy Officer for the Commonwealth Fund

Paul Kallaur

Center for the Study of Services (dba Consumers' CHECKBOOK), Washington, DC

Paul Kallaur is Vice President for Surveys and Research at the nonprofit Center for the Study of Services (dba Consumers' CHECKBOOK) where his responsibilities include the analysis and report generation of measures we publicly report on risk-adjusted hospital death rates, patient experience survey measures, analysis of results of physician peer surveys, patient experience at the individual doctor level, etc. He was formerly a consultant with Peat Marwick, LLP. He has a broad perspective on health policy and has a BA in mathematics economics from the Univ. of Michigan and an MA in economics from Univ. of Toronto.

Kevin Kavanagh, MD, MS, FACS²

Health Watch USASM, Somerset, KY

Dr. Kevin Kavanagh is currently Board Chairman of Health Watch USASM, a Kentucky based patient advocacy and research organization. Health Watch USASM is a member of the National Quality Forum and has been designated as a "Community Leader" for Value-Driven Healthcare by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Kavanagh is an Associate Editor for the Journal of Patient Safety. On Aug. 20, 2014 Dr. Kavanagh became a CDC & ATSDR Honor Award Nominee. He has served on the 2014, 2015, 2017 and 2018 Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services' Hospital-Acquired Condition (HAC) Reduction Program Technical Expert Panel (TEP) along with the AHRQ Standing Working Group for Quality Indicators for 2016 to 2017. He also service on the AHRQ for Health Care Effectiveness and Outcomes Research (HEOR) Study Section. He has published over 20 peer reviewed manuscripts on healthcare policy and/or healthcare associated infections. In addition, he has published letters in peer reviewed journals including the Journal of the American Medical Association and New England of Medicine. Dr. Kavanagh is also a frequent contributor to the Lexington Herald Leader on Healthcare Issues and was a monthly guest on the Jack Pattie Radio Show on health policy issues for almost 6 years.

¹ Inactive until November 1, 2018

² Interim CSAC member through October 31, 2018
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David Kelley, MD, MPA

Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Harrisburg, PA

Dr. Kelley is the Chief Medical Officer for the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare's Office of Medical Assistance Programs. He oversees the clinical and quality aspects of the Medical Assistance Programs that provide health benefits to over 2.2 million recipients. The Office includes oversight of ten managed care organizations and the Access fee-for-service program. In the past nine years the Office has participated in a multi-payer medical home collaborative, piloted a care management collaboration between behavioral health physical health providers that reduced hospitalizations, initiated three pay for performance programs, developed a multi-state application for the Medicaid electronic health record incentive program, established nonpayment policies for readmissions and preventable serious adverse events in hospitals, developed telemedicine payment policies, implemented a pharmacy preferred drug management program and implemented a value-based efficiency adjustment MCO rate setting program.

Prior to joining the Department, Dr. Kelley worked for Aetna Health Inc. as the medical director responsible for utilization and quality management in central and northeastern Pennsylvania. Prior to Aetna, he served as Assistant Professor and Director of Clinical Quality Improvement at Penn State University's College of Medicine. As the Director for Clinical Quality Improvement, he oversaw the quality and utilization management at Penn State's Hershey Medical Center.

Dr. Kelley received his BS degree at Elizabethtown College, attended medical school at the University of Pittsburgh, completed his residency training at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, obtained his MPA at Penn State University, and is board certified in Internal Medicine and Geriatrics. He has clinically practiced at a FQHC, private practice, an academic practice at Penn State University, and a community-based team approach to diabetes care in a Medicaid hospital clinic.

Thomas Kottke, MD, MSPH

HealthPartners, Minneapolis, MN

Thomas Kottke, Medical Director for Population Health at HealthPartners, is also a clinical cardiologist in HealthPartners Medical Group, and a researcher at the HealthPartners Institute for Education and Research. He holds an MD degree from the University of Minnesota School of Medicine. Dr. Kottke also has an MSPH in epidemiology from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill where he was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar. He is board certified in internal medicine and the treatment of cardiovascular diseases and holds the academic rank of Professor of Medicine at the University of Minnesota.

Barbara Levy, MD, FACOG, FACS

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Washington, DC

Barbara Levy, MD, Vice President, Health Policy, has over 25 years of experience with direct surgical and primary care, research, and training. She oversees ACOG's Office of Global Women's Health programs, the Voluntary Review of Quality of Care, Safety Certification for Outpatient Practice Excellence for Women's Health, American Indian/Alaska Native Health Program, Health Economics, Strategic Health Care Initiatives department programs for Maternal Mortality and Fetal & Infant Mortality. Prior to ACOG, Dr. Levy was in private practice and medical director of Women's Health and Breast Center and Women's and Children's Services for the Franciscan Health System in Tacoma, WA.

Amy Moyer, MS, PMP
The Alliance, Fitchburg, WI

Amy Moyer joined The Alliance in 2011 as manager of value measurement. She manages and executes performance measurement and reporting strategies. Ms. Moyer played a critical role in developing the QualityPath® initiative. She also participates in state and federal measurement initiatives. Previous work includes serving as project manager for NCQA accreditation efforts at a regional HMO. Her resume also includes work at an academic medical center where she served as a clinical content facilitator. Amy received her MS in project management from University of Wisconsin-Platteville and her BA in music, neuroscience and biomedical ethics from Lawrence University.

Shelley Fuld Nasso, MPP
National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, Silver Spring, MD

Since 2013, Shelley Fuld Nasso has served as CEO of the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship. She is a member of the National Cancer Institute's National Council of Research Advisors, the American Society of Clinical Oncology's Cancer Survivorship Committee, and the National Quality Forum's Measures Application Partnership. Prior to joining NCCS, Shelley served in leadership roles at Susan G. Komen, where she leveraged Komen's grassroots network to strengthen the organization's reputation and visibility in Washington, D.C., and in state capitals. She graduated from Rice University and earned a Master of Public Policy degree from the Harvard Kennedy School.

Carolyn Pare
Minnesota Health Action Group, Bloomington, MN

Carolyn Pare is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Minnesota Health Action Group, a coalition of more than 50 public and private employers dedicated to health care market reform. In the twenty five years since its formation, this Minnesota based coalition has introduced a number of nationally recognized innovations in health care contracting, delivery, quality and consumerism. The Action Group members are committed to supporting a health care system that delivers the care consumers need at the right time, in the right place and at the right price.

Carolyn was previously a director of Human Resources, responsible for Benefits, Risk Management, and Human Resource Information Systems at Target Corporation. She currently serves on the Consensus Standards Approval Committee and the Cost and Resource Use Standing Committee for the National Quality Forum. Carolyn is past Chair of the National Business Coalition on Health and served on the NCQA Standards Committee for eight years. Carolyn also participates as a member of the National Advisory Council to the California Health Benefits Review Program, sits on the Multi-Payer Alignment Task Force for Minnesota's Accountable Health Model and has served as interim Program Director of the Minnesota Chartered Value Exchange. Carolyn has a BS in Environmental and Public Health from the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire and over 35 years' experience in occupational health and safety, risk management, and health care.

Leslie Schultz, RN, BSN, PhD

Premier, Charlotte, NC

Leslie Schultz, PhD, is the Director of clinical quality and patient safety with Premier's Safety Institute®. Dr. Schultz is a nationally recognized expert in documenting and sharing reliable, evidence-based best practices among hospitals in the areas of clinical quality, mortality reduction, harm avoidance and patient safety. Schultz holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Alfred University, a Master of Science in Nursing Administration from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and was granted her Ph.D. in Hospital and Health Administration from The University of Iowa College of Medicine. She is board certified in healthcare quality (CPHQ) and as a Nurse-Executive, Advanced (NEA-BC) and currently serves on the National Quality Forum's (NQF) Patient Safety Measures Standing Committee.

Edward Septimus, MD

Hospital Corporation of America, Houston, TX

Dr. Edward Septimus received his medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and his postgraduate training in internal medicine and infectious diseases at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. Dr. Septimus is board certified in both internal medicine and infectious diseases. His current position is VP for Research and Infectious Diseases Hospital Corporation of America (HCA). He was the first recipient of the IDSA Annual Clinician Award. Co-chairs of the NQF Patient Safety Committee and on the NQF Leadership Consortium. He holds a faculty position as Clinical Professor at Texas A&M. He has published over 100 articles and chapters.

Jeffrey Susman, MD

Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown, OH

Nominated by the American Academy of Family Physicians

Jeff Susman, M.D., is on sabbatical from the Northeast Ohio Medical University College of Medicine, where he served as Dean and Vice President from 2010 through 2017. Dr. Susman graduated from Dartmouth, served in Nebraska as Associate Dean for Primary Care and was Chair, Department of Family Medicine, University of Cincinnati. He was on the steering committee of the Cincinnati RWJ Aligning Forces for Quality and Akron Community Health Initiatives. Dr. Susman has had funding from NIMH and AHRQ investigating primary care mental health issues. He has served as Chair of the AAFP Commission on Quality and Practice. He currently serves on the NQF Standing Committees on Pediatrics (Co-chair) and Behavioral Health and CMS Technical Expert Panel for Pain Management.

Lina Walker, PhD

AARP, Washington, DC

Lina Walker is Vice President of Health Security in AARP's Public Policy Institute. She leads the Institute's health research to improve care and choices for consumers. She has spent nearly 20 years working on health and aging issues, most recently evaluating the impact of Medicare reform and cost containment initiatives on consumers. Dr. Walker's experience spans both federal and state issues, having previously worked at the Congressional Budget office and the policy office of the Maryland General Assembly. She is a member of NQF's Cost and Resource Use standing committee. She has an economics PhD from the University of Michigan.