



Ambulatory Care Patient Safety

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Dr. Brawer is the Vice President for Quality and Safety for Mercy Health system, one of the largest not-for profit systems in the country. His direct responsibilities include the continuous quality improvement for both inpatient and ambulatory quality and safety metrics for over 44 hospitals. He also has shared responsibility for the performance in value based contracts (including 250,000 at-risk lives), as well as the operationalization of all analytic solutions for Mercy. Dr. Brawer has held faculty position at Brown Medical School, Washington University Medical School, and St. Louis University. Brawer completed his doctorate in clinical psychology at Saint Louis University.

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Medical Director of Ambulatory Patient Safety, Brigham and Women's Hospital
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Dr. Desai is a practicing rheumatologist and Medical Director of Quality for the Department of Medicine and the Medical Director of Ambulatory Patient Safety at Brigham & Women's Hospital, bringing 7 years of practical experience as a physician leader in measuring and improving ambulatory quality and safety in a large, academic organization. Dr. Desai has a MPH with over 20 peer-reviewed publications, two current ambulatory and safety grants for which she is the principal investigator, and has previously served as a member of the American College of Rheumatology's (ACR) Quality Measures Subcommittee participating in national quality measure development.

Richard Roberts, MD, JD

Professor of Family Medicine; Family Physician, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine & Public Health; Belleville Family Medicine
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Dr. Roberts is an advisor to the world's only primary care patient safety translational research center at the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom. In the U.S., he has served on the Board of Advisors of the National Patient Safety Foundation, as an advisor to the ECRI Patient Safety Organization, and as an expert on a RAND panel that developed a Consumer Reporting

System for Patient Safety for AHRQ. He is a certified professional in patient safety (CPPS). Dr. Roberts is a past president of the World Organization of Family Doctors and the American Academy of Family Physicians.

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Dr. Sarkar is Associate Professor of Medicine at UCSF in the Division of General Internal Medicine and a primary care physician at San Francisco General Hospital's Richard H. Fine People's Clinic. Dr. Sarkar's research focuses on patient safety in outpatient settings, including adverse drug events, missed and delayed diagnosis, and failures of treatment monitoring, health information technology to improve the safety and quality of outpatient care, and implementation of evidence-based innovations in real-world settings. She is currently funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), the National Cancer Institute, and the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation.

Kevin Sheahan, MD

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Dr. Sheahan is a USAF Veteran who served at Dover AFB from 1991-1997. Upon separation from active duty, he joined Nemours as a pediatrician in the Dover, Delaware (DE) practice and in 1999 became the physician in charge of the practice. In 2001 he became the Chief of Nemours duPont Pediatrics, serving as medical director for the now 11 Nemours' primary care practices in Delaware. In his role as chief, he has led nine of the practices to NCQA level 3 certification, with all 11 projected to have NCQA level 3 certification by the end of 2017. Dr. Sheahan has been an active member of the DE chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, where he served as president from 2004-2006. He is also a member of the Medical Society of DE, where he served as vice president from 2011-2012 and where he remains a member of the Legislative and Maternal Child Health committees.

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Dr. Weingart is CMO at Tufts Medical Center and Professor of Medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine. Previously, he served as VP for Patient Safety at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Dr. Weingart holds a doctorate in public policy from Harvard and an MD degree from the University of Rochester. Dr. Weingart's research examines patient safety in primary and specialty care, patient engagement, and diagnostic errors. A general internist, Dr. Weingart served as chair of the board of governors of the National Patient Safety Foundation (NPSF) and was the recipient of the 2012 John M. Eisenberg award in quality and patient safety.