

NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM

Child Health Quality Measures Steering Committee

Thomas McNerny(Co-Chair)

Associate Chair for Clinical Affairs, Dept. of Pediatrics
University of Rochester

Dr. McNerny is Professor of Pediatrics and Associate Chair of Clinical Affairs in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Rochester Medical Center. He is a graduate of Dartmouth and Harvard Medical schools and received his pediatric training at Cincinnati and Boston Children's Hospitals. Over the past 38 years he has authored or co-authored over 30 articles, and is Editor-in-Chief of the AAP's "Textbook of Pediatric Care" and "Pediatric Care Online. He has been a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics' Steering Committee on Quality Improvement and Management for three years.

Marina L. Weiss, PhD(Co-Chair)

Senior Vice President for Public Policy and Government Affairs
March of Dimes

Marina L. Weiss is Senior Vice President for Public Policy and Government Affairs of the March of Dimes Foundation. Dr. Weiss is a member of the Treasurer and Board member of the Coalition for Health Services Research; a founding Board member of Women in Health Policy; a policy adviser to the "Covering Kids and Families Project" of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; and a member of the Roosevelt Institution's National Advisory Board. She's served on technical advisory committees for the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Institute of Medicine, the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy for State Health Policy and the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). In addition, she was a founding member of the National Quality Forum Board of Directors.

Martha D. Bergren, RN, DNS, NCSN

Director of Research
National Association of School Nurses

Martha Dewey Bergren, DNS, RN, NCSN, FNASN earned a BSN from Penn State University and a masters and doctoral degree in Nursing from the University at Buffalo. Dr. Bergren is the Director of Research at the National Association of School Nurses. She previously was on the faculty of the University of Illinois - Chicago and the University of Minnesota. She is a fellow in both the National Association of School Nurses and the American School Health Association and is national certified in school nursing. She has 32 years of acute and community pediatric nursing experience, including as a school nurse in early intervention settings and in middle and high school in four states. Dr. Bergren was a consultant to the National Taskforce on Confidential Student Health Information and has testified twice before the NCVHS Subcommittee on Privacy and Confidentiality. She is a member of several nursing informatics organizations. She has authored over 40 publications and served as editor for Information Technology column in the Journal of School Nursing 1993 - 2005. She serves on the Editorial Advisory Board for the Journal of School Nursing and is Chair Elect of the School Health Education and Services Section of the American School Health Association.

Sarah S. Brown, MSPH

Chief Executive Officer
The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy

Co-founder and CEO of the National Campaign, a non-profit organization designed to catalyze and support actions nationwide to prevent teen pregnancy as well as unplanned pregnancy among single young adults. Before helping to found the Campaign in 1996, she was a senior study director at the Institute of Medicine, where she directed numerous studies in the broad field of maternal and child health. She has served on advisory boards of a number of organizations, including the Guttmacher Institute, American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, National Academy of Sciences, March of Dimes, and the David and Lucille Packard Foundation. She appears often in print, broadcast and online media, and is the author of numerous research papers.

Carroll Carlson

Director-Government Programs
Group Health Cooperative of Eau Claire

Carroll Carlson has over twenty years experience in the health insurance field. She serves as Director of Government Programs for Group Health Cooperative of Eau Claire. The Cooperative provides health care coverage to employers and individuals in western Wisconsin, Wisconsin BadgerCare Plus and Medicaid SSI enrollees (Medicaid programs) and also administers the CompCare BadgerCare Plus program. Ms. Carlson began her tenure with the Cooperative in 1994 as the Quality Improvement Manager and assumed responsibility for the Medicaid programs in 1996. Prior to joining the Cooperative, Ms. Carlson held the position of Nurse Consultant and certified case manager for Aetna Health Plans.

Alex Y. Chen, MD, MS

Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics
Keck School of Medicine

Dr. Chen is an academic general pediatrician and a health services researcher. He is currently an Associate Professor at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine. He graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1997, completed his residency in Pediatrics, and was selected as a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar in 2000. Dr. Chen's primary research interests are in the area of healthcare access and quality. He received a five-year research career development award (K23) from the National Institutes of Health to examine issues related to healthcare access among children with chronic illnesses, particularly minority and immigrant children. He also received a three-year independent scientist award (KO2) from the AHRQ to develop quality indicators for primary care of complex pediatric patients and currently collaborates with Drs. Mangione-Smith, McGlynn and Britto on an NHLBI-funded R01 to develop measures of health care quality for inpatient pediatric respiratory illnesses. He continues to practice general pediatrics and he is a member of the CHLA committee that develops evidence-based best practice guideline (Medical Action Plan) for key pediatric conditions. He is also an advisory committee member on Quality for the California State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP-Healthy Families).

David R. Clarke, MD

Clinical Professor of Surgery
The Children's Hospital

Dedicating his extensive 30-year career to the care of infants and children with congenital heart disease, Dr. David Clarke currently serves as Clinical Professor of Surgery at the University of Colorado Denver. He played an integral role in the project that yielded the development of the Aristotle Complexity Score, a complexity-adjusted method to measure surgical performance in congenital heart surgery. He is a member of 17 national and international scientific organizations and associations. In addition, Dr. Clarke serves on the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) Congenital Heart Surgery Database Task Force and has chaired its Data Verification Subcommittee since 2004.

Sharron L. Docherty, PhD, CPNP (AC/PC)Associate Professor, Pediatric Acute/Chronic Care, Specialty Director
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

Dr. Sharron Docherty is an associate professor and director of the pediatric acute/chronic care specialty at the Duke University School of Nursing. She practices as a pediatric nurse practitioner at Duke Children's Hospital. She has 25 years experience working with children with cancer and other life-limiting illnesses. Dr. Docherty's program of research is focused upon examining how life-sustaining treatment impacts the short- and long-term functioning of acute and chronically ill children and their families. She utilizes longitudinal and mixed method research methodologies to investigate the phenomena in this area and has been funded by NIH as a principal and co-investigator.

Nancy L. Fisher, MD, MPHChief Medical Officer
Washington State Health Care Authority

Dr. Nancy Fisher is the Medical Director for the Health Care Authority. She has board certification in pediatrics and clinical genetics. At the University of Washington, she is a Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics and active with the Institute for Public Health Genetics of the School of Public Health. Dr. Fisher founded the first genetics clinic in a Public Health Department, served on the 5-year planning committee for the National Human Genome Project, served nine years on the Secretary of Health (HHS) Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality, and previously was the Medical Director for Medicaid for the state of Washington.

Faye A. Gary, EdD, RN, FAANMedical of Mutual of Ohio Professor in Nursing
Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, Case Western Reserve University

Dr. Faye A. Gary is the Medical Mutual of Ohio Professor for Vulnerable and At-Risk Persons at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. For more than three decades, Dr. Gary has participated in research and practice in child and adolescent mental health care and substance abuse disorders prevention and treatment. She has provided services to runaway and homeless children, youth in juvenile detention centers, children with severe mental illnesses, and other vulnerable and at-risk individuals. She works with law enforcement, school districts, faith-based communities, universities, departments of public health, and others to improve the quality of life and opportunities for this vulnerable population.

James H. Glauber, MD, MPHSenior Medical Director
Neighborhood Health Plan

Dr. Glauber is Senior Medical Director of Neighborhood Health Plan, a Medicaid-predominant HMO located in Boston, MA. He has served in that position since 2002. He also practices pediatrics at Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, both as a primary care physician and directing the Central Pediatric Asthma Program. Dr. Glauber completed a Pediatric Health Services Research fellowship at Harvard Medical School in 2001 and received an MPH in the Clinical Effectiveness Program at the Harvard School of Public Health in 2001. Prior to his fellowship training Dr. Glauber was a primary care pediatrician in the Permanente Medical Group from 1993-1999 in Hayward, CA. He also served as his department's Chief of Quality and subsequently served as the Assistant Chief of Quality for the Hayward Medical facility. Dr. Glauber was in private pediatric practice with the Alamo Medical Group from 1991-1993. Dr. Glauber completed his pediatric residency in 1991 at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. He received his medical degree in 1988 from the University of California, San Francisco and his BS in Biochemistry from the State University of New York at Binghamton in 1984.

Margarita P. Hurtado, PhD, MHSPrincipal Research Scientist
American Institutes for Research

Margarita Hurtado, Ph.D., M.H.S. is Principal Researcher at AIR and has been working in health services research, communication, and evaluation since 1985. Her work focuses on improving quality of care for underserved populations, particularly Latinos. She has developed surveys to examine quality of care and defined guidelines for translating surveys. Dr. Hurtado has conducted over 20 program evaluations applying mixed methods and employs audience research to develop materials for populations with low health literacy. She is on the editorial committee for the International Journal on Healthcare Quality. She worked at the Institute of Medicine and the Pan American Health Organization.

Kathy J. Jenkins, MD, MPH

Senior Vice President/Chief Safety and Quality Officer
Children's Hospital Boston

Since December, 2004, I have served as the Director of the Program for Patient Safety and Quality and in 2009 I was appointed Senior Vice President and Chief Patient Safety and Quality Officer at Children's Hospital Boston. The Program for Patient Safety and Quality activities include assessment of hospital-wide clinical care activities, assessment of pediatric patient outcome measures, and design and implementation of quality improvement initiatives. Current programmatic activities include oversight and coordination of a multidisciplinary group of faculty and staff to facilitate regulatory compliance, assessment and benchmarking, peer review, and safety and quality initiatives.

Phillip Kibort

Vice President Medical Affairs
Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota

Dr. Phillip Kibort was VP of system advancement at Children's of Minnesota from 1996-2002. He became CMO and VP of Medical Affairs in 2002. Previously, Dr. Kibort was a pediatric gastroenterologist at Minnesota Gastroenterology. He has published on issues of management and quality in health care, and teaches on medical quality to health care providers at the University of St. Thomas in the Twin Cities. He graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School and completed his pediatric residency at the University of Minnesota Hospital followed by a Gastroenterology Fellowship at the University of California Los Angeles Medical Center.

Allan S. Lieberthal, MD, FAAP

Clinical Professor of Pediatrics
Keck School of Medicine

Allan Lieberthal MD, FAAP practices general pediatrics and clinical pediatric pulmonology at Kaiser-Permanente in Panorama City where he was Chief of Pediatrics for 13 years. He was also Director of the Kaiser Permanente Southern California Cystic Fibrosis Center for 17 years. He is Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Southern California.

Dr. Lieberthal a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics Steering Committee on Quality Improvement and its Measurement Interest Group. He chaired the AAP Sub-Committee on Guidelines for Bronchiolitis. He was co-chair of the AAP/AAFP Sub-committee on Guidelines for Acute Otitis Media and currently chairs the Sub-committee revising the AOM guidelines.

Marlene R. Miller, MD, MSc

Vice Chair, Quality and Safety & Associate Professor
Johns Hopkins Children's Center

Dr. Marlene R. Miller is Vice Chair, Quality and Safety at the Johns Hopkins Children's Center and serves as Vice President of Quality Transformation at the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions. In these roles she oversees, coordinates, and expands ongoing quality and safety initiatives within the Children's Center and serves to develop and expand the quality programmatic areas within NACHRI, especially the quality transformation improvement and patient safety collaboratives. Dr. Miller is Associate Professor, Pediatrics at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and Associate Professor, Health Policy and Management at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Donna Persaud

Chief of Pediatrics, Community Medicine
Parkland Health and Hospital System

Dr. Persaud has established herself as a leader of chronic care delivery for children in community-base primary care. While her leadership spans all pediatric conditions, she has been most remarkable successful in implementing pediatric shared medical visits for children with asthma and their caregivers and obesity. Because of her pioneering efforts, she and the Parkland COPCs were the recipient of an Exxon Mobil grant further defining and expanding this model. That program targeted 6 elementary schools in the Dallas Independent School District, in especially high-risk populations of children from southeast Dallas beginning in 2005.

James G. Quirk, MD, PhD

Chairman and Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Stony Brook University Medical Center

Dr. Quirk joined the Dept of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Medicine as Professor and Chairman in 1998. After receiving a MD and PhD in anatomy from the State University of New York at Downstate in 1974, Dr. Quirk completed his residency in Obstetrics & Gynecology at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in 1978 and his fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine in 1980 at the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School. He held a number of positions in Arkansas, including Chair of the Dept of Obstetrics & Gynecology and culminating with that of Chief of Staff for the University of Arkansas Hospital from 1996 to 1998, before coming to Stony Brook. Dr. Quirk is Board Certified in Obstetrics & Gynecology and Maternal-Fetal Medicine.

Fred Rachman

Chief Executive Officer, Chief Medical Officer
Alliance of Chicago Community Health Services

Fred D. Rachman, MD, Chief Executive Officer, has been with Alliance of Chicago Community Health Services (Alliance) since its inception in 1997. The Alliance successfully implemented a fully functional electronic health record (EHR) system and clinical data warehouse in 2006, and under his leadership, the Alliance has implemented this centrally hosted EHR system in more than 30 community health centers nationwide. Previously, Dr. Rachman was the Medical Director at Howard Brown and Erie Family Health Centers, Chicago. Dr. Rachman is board-certified in Pediatrics and he is a graduate of Temple University School of Medicine (MD) and John Hopkins University. Also Vice Chair for HIMSS Ambulatory Information Systems Committee (supplier).

Goutham Rao

Clinical Director, Associate Professor
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Dr. Goutham Rao is a family physician with an interest and expertise in childhood obesity. He currently serves as the Clinical Director, Weight Management & Wellness Center, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and Associate Professor, Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He has conducted research and published in the areas of the office-based strategies for the management of obese adolescents, obesity and eating disorders, and a guide for parents for healthy children.

Ellen Schwalenstocker

Acting Vice President, Quality Advocacy and Measurement
National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions

Dr. Ellen Schwalenstocker has longstanding experience in and a passion for improving children's health care. She has focused her efforts on children's health care quality as a staff member of the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions for 12 years and currently serves as Acting Vice President for Quality Advocacy and Measurement for the Association. She was a member of the Planning Committee for the National Quality Forum Workshop on Child Healthcare Quality. Dr. Schwalenstocker received her doctorate from the George Washington University, where her dissertation focused on patient/consumer use of information in making health care decisions.

Bonnie T. Zima, MD, MPH

Professor-in-Residence, Associate Director, Health Services Research Center
UCLA Dept of Psychiatry

Bonnie Zima is a child psychiatrist and health services researcher. She is Professor-in-Residence and Associate Director of the UCLA Health Services Research Center. Dr. Zima led the first statewide quality of care study for children in publicly-funded outpatient mental health programs, and was awarded AACAP's top scientific honor for the most significant research paper. She is Principal Investigator on an NIMH-funded study examining the quality of ADHD care for children in primary and specialty mental health care within a large Medicaid managed care program. Her earlier research is dedicated to improving access to mental health care for high risk children.