



Geriatrics and Palliative Care Standing Committee: Spring 2019 Cycle

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

R. Sean Morrison, MD

Co-Director, Patty and Jay Baker National Palliative Care Center; Director, National Palliative Care Research Center; Director, Hertzberg Palliative Care Institute, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

New York, New York

Nominated by the Center to Advance Palliative Care

Dr. Morrison has served on the MAP Hospital Workgroup since 2011. He has extensive knowledge of quality measurement and the nine different federal hospital and setting-specific quality programs. He is a demonstrated leader in the field of palliative medicine, both providing direct care to patients and spearheading countless national research initiatives to expand the evidence-base and ensure that findings are rapidly translated into clinical practice. This research includes pain and symptom management in high-risk and medically underserved populations, decision making at the end of life, and quality measures in palliative care. Most recently, Dr. Morrison's research has focused on improving the management of pain in older adults and on developing and evaluating models of palliative care delivery in hospitals and the community. Outside of MAP, he has chaired numerous task forces and committees, both nationally and internationally, and served as the President of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. Dr. Morrison's CV demonstrates his vast experience directing and conducting research and reporting findings back to a number of federal entities including NIH and HHS.

Deborah Waldrop, PhD, LMSW, ACSW

Professor, University of Buffalo, School of Social Work

Buffalo, New York

Nominated by the National Coalition for Hospice and Palliative Care

Deborah Waldrop, LMSW, PhD is a Professor and the Associate Dean for Faculty Development at the University at Buffalo School of Social Work (UBSSW). Deborah joined the UBSSW faculty after spending 20 years as a social worker in a variety of healthcare settings including hospice. Drawing from the experiences of older adults and their families Dr. Waldrop conducts research about the needs and concerns that emerge at life's end, means for improving advance care planning, and caregivers' adaptation in bereavement. Deborah participated as a member of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine's Measuring what Matters initiative.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Margie Atkinson, D Min, BCC

Director, Pastoral Care, Ethics and Palliative Care, Morton Plant Mease/Bay Care Health System
Palm Harbor, Florida

Nominated by the National Coalition for Hospice and Palliative Care

Dr. Margie Atkinson is the Director of Pastoral Care, Ethics and Palliative Care programs for Morton Plant Mease Healthcare, part of BayCare Health System in the Tampa Bay Area of Florida. Atkinson's expertise includes pastoral and spiritual care, and administration in multiple settings, including hospice, acute care, and children's hospital settings. Atkinson currently oversees the spiritual care and palliative care services for four acute care hospitals and one LTACH in the Tampa Bay area. She implemented a clinical pastoral education program in BayCare Health System and has been instrumental in developing palliative care in two health systems. She currently co-leads the 13-hospital system's palliative care collaborative, a group consisting of leadership from across the system.

Samira Beckwith, LCSW, FACHE, LHD

President and CEO, Hope HealthCare Services
Fort Myers, Florida

Samira Beckwith has more than 30 years of experience in hospice and healthcare. As President and CEO of Hope HealthCare Services for over 25 years, Dr. Beckwith created an innovative national model of healthcare for the future by bridging hospice with other long-term care programs. She also launched a successful PACE program and recently expanded the Hope Kids Care program to meet growing community needs. Beckwith has clinical, administrative, and public policy expertise, as well as extensive federal and private payer knowledge. She is a frequent participant in national and state health policy forums and has provided expert testimony before government bodies including the U.S. House Judiciary Committee and U.S. Senate Aging Committee.

Amy J. Berman, BSN

Senior Program Officer, John A. Hartford Foundation
New York, New York

Amy Berman, a senior program officer with The John A. Hartford Foundation, is best known for publicly sharing her experiences living with stage 4 breast cancer. She authored pieces on value in healthcare decisions, palliative care, and implications for patients, practice, and policy. Her piece in *Health Affairs*, *Living Life In My Own Way—And Dying That Way As Well*, was among the most read in the history of the journal. At the John A. Hartford Foundation, Ms. Berman, a nurse, leads the Foundation's investments in models of care that improve health of older adults including palliative care. Ms. Berman is the recipient of numerous honors for advocacy on behalf of those facing serious illness including the Presidential Citation from AAHPM.

Eduardo Bruera, MD

Professor and Chair, Department of Palliative, Rehabilitation and Integrative Medicine, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
Houston, Texas

Dr. Bruera is trained in medical oncology and is board certified in Hospice and Palliative Medicine. In 1999, he joined The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center where he holds the F.T. McGraw Chair in the Treatment of Cancer, and is Chair of the Department of Palliative, Rehabilitation and Integrative Medicine.

Dr. Bruera developed and led the Edmonton Regional and Palliative Care program in Canada. He has conducted and published many research studies, with 1000+ publications and 900 lectures. Dr. Bruera has participated actively in quality initiatives with MD Anderson, the National Quality Forum, ASCO, and IOM.

Cleanne Cass, DO, FAAHPM, FAAFP

Director of Community Care and Education, Hospice of Dayton
Dayton, Ohio
Nominated by the American Osteopathic Association

Cleanne Cass, DO, FAAHPM, FAAFP is the Director of Community Care and Education, Hospice of Dayton, heading in-home patient services and education for medical students, residents, and fellows in Hospice and Palliative Medicine.

Dr. Cass is an appointed member of the Ohio Governor's Cabinet Opioid Action team developing guidelines for safe opioid prescribing. She is also a member of the state task force working toward implementation of MOLST (medical orders for life sustaining treatment).

She represented the AOA on the NQF Advisory Panel which developed *A National Framework and Preferred Practices for Palliative and Hospice Care Quality* published December 2006.

George Handzo, BCC, CSSBB

Director, Health Services Research and Quality, HealthCare Chaplaincy
Los Angeles, California
Nominated by the National Coalition for Hospice and Palliative Care

Rev. Handzo is widely regarded as a leading international authority on the practice of professional healthcare chaplaincy. He participated in the development of the Systems of Belief Inventory (SBI). He led the effort that created North American standards for the certification of chaplains, and is currently leading the development of the first set of measurable outcomes for healthcare chaplaincy. Rev. Handzo has been part of two national and one international interdisciplinary consensus conferences developing models and goals for the integration of spiritual care in healthcare and is a member of the Global Network for Spirituality and Health leadership team.

Arif H. Kamal, MD, MBA, MHS, FACP, FAAHPM

Physician Quality and Outcomes Officer, Duke Cancer Institute
Durham, North Carolina
Nominated by the National Coalition for Hospice and Palliative Care

Dr. Arif Kamal is the Physician Quality and Outcomes Officer for the Duke Cancer Institute, with dual appointments in the Division of Medical Oncology and Section of Palliative Care at Duke

University. He is a leader in several national palliative care quality initiatives, including the Global Palliative Care Quality Alliance, and has research funding from AHRQ, Cambia Health Foundation, and the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Innovation at CMS. Dr. Kamal completed Internal Medicine residency and Hospice and Palliative Medicine fellowship at the Mayo Clinic and Hematology/Oncology fellowship at Duke University. He holds a master's in Health Sciences – Clinical Research from the Duke Clinical Research Training Program.

Katherine Lichtenberg, DO, MPH, FAAFP

Physician Director, Enhanced Personal Health Care, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield
Saint Louis, Missouri

Kate Lichtenberg is Physician Director for Enhanced Personal Health Care with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of MO, where she leads the medical home initiative to improve quality while reducing costs. Dr. Lichtenberg is board-certified in family medicine and public health/general preventive medicine, and practiced full-time until joining Anthem. She serves on the AAFP Commission for Quality and Practice reviewing quality measures and formulating policies on quality and practice issues. She has spent the last 12 years volunteering at a retirement convent where she delivers acute, chronic and end-of-life care to geriatric residents.

Kelly Michaelson, MD, MPH, FCCM, FAP

Professor of Pediatrics and Julia and David Uihlein Professor of Bioethics and Medical Humanities
Director, Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
Attending Physician, Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois
Nominated by Center to Advance Palliative Care

Dr. Kelly Michaelson is the Director of the Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and an attending physician in the pediatric critical care division at Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. Her research interests include communication, decision making, palliative care, bereavement support, and ethics. Currently, her research focuses on communication and decision making among patients, family caregivers, and professional caregivers in the pediatric intensive care unit as well as in the palliative care setting. Her work uses qualitative and quantitative methods, and patient/stakeholder engagement and community-based participatory research methods.

Alvin Moss, MD, FACP, FAAHPM

Director, Center for Health Ethics and Law, Professor of Medicine Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences
Center of West Virginia University
Morgantown, West Virginia
Nominated by the Renal Physicians Association

Dr. Moss is a Professor of Medicine at West Virginia University School of Medicine and board-certified in nephrology and hospice and palliative medicine. He is the Director of the West Virginia Center for End-of-Life Care. He chairs the Coalition for Supportive Care of Kidney Patients. He led the Renal Physicians Association workgroup that published the second edition in 2010 of the clinical practice guideline on shared decision making in dialysis. He has experience in clinical performance measure development having served on the American Medical Association's Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement (PCPI) working group to develop geriatrics performance measures.

Douglas Nee, Pharm D, MS

Clinical Pharmacist, Self
San Diego, California

Dr. Nee is a clinical pharmacist with a practice focus in hospice and palliative care. He received the designation of Faculty Scholar from the Harvard Program in Palliative Care Education and Practice. Dr. Nee previously served on the NQF Steering Committee for Palliative Care and End-of-Life Care, and is previous Chair of the Section Advisory Group on Pain Management and Palliative Care for the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. He has authored book chapters and published articles in hospice and palliative care, and lectures at the state and national level on pain management, palliative care, and end-of-life care.

Laura Porter, MD

Medical Advisor and Senior Patient Advocate, Colon Cancer Alliance
Washington, District of Columbia

Laura Porter is a 10 year stage 4 colon cancer survivor. She has worked with the Colon Cancer Alliance on a variety of patient support and advocacy issues. She has taken the lead on a variety of palliative care and end-of-life issues. Her desire is that all patients have the best quality of life throughout their journey and be as comfortable as possible at the end of life.

Cindi Pursley, RN, CHPN

Administrator, VNA Colorado Hospice and Palliative Care
Denver, Colorado

As Administrator of Colorado VNA Hospice & Palliative Care, Cindi Pursley, RN, CHPN, is part of the senior leadership team. She is directly responsible for tracking and improving all quality measures for hospice and palliative care. She works directly to oversee audit and reporting of mandatory Hospice Item Set and HCAHPS measures and proudly reports that the organization is beating state and national in HCAHPS in 9 of 11 domains! To ensure high-quality performance, she is accountable for staff training and compliance functions as well. Prior to her 12 year tenure with Colorado VNA, she held many positions in hospice and palliative care including Case Manager, Clinical Manager, Director, and Educator. In 1998 Cindi wrote and presented the new Hospice Pain Management Protocol and Competency in preparation for the JCAHO Pain as the 5th VS.

Lynn Reinke, PhD, ARNP, FAAN

Research Investigator/Nurse Practitioner, VA Puget Sound Health Care System
Seattle, Washington

Lynn Reinke's program of research focuses on improving the delivery of palliative care for patients with advanced, serious illnesses, specifically COPD, lung cancer, and multimorbidities. Ms. Reinke is testing methods of identifying unmet physical and psychosocial needs among older patients with multimorbidities and is sought out for her clinical expertise in managing patients with severe dyspnea and dyspnea crisis. In her role as a Health & Aging Policy fellow, she is working on aggregating data from care plans to allocate community resources for elderly persons whose goal is to remain independent. Ms. Reinke served on "Measuring what Matters" panel for AAHPM/HPNA.

Tracy Schroepfer, PhD, MSW

Associate Professor of Social Work, University of Wisconsin, Madison, School of Social Work
Madison, Wisconsin

Nominated by the National Coalition for Hospice and Palliative Care

Dr. Schroepfer is an associate professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Social Work and is affiliated with the University's Institute on Aging, Comprehensive Cancer Center, and Center on Patient Partnerships. She is a recipient of the Hartford Geriatric Social Work Faculty Scholar Award, a national award that provided support for her research in the area of aging and end of life. Nationally, Dr. Schroepfer is president of the Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGESW), an executive committee member of the Social Work and Hospice Palliative Care Network (SWHPN), and a prior member of the National Quality Forum (NQF) Palliative Care and End-of-Life Steering Committee. Dr. Schroepfer served as a reviewer for the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) 2014 report, *Dying in America: Improving Quality and Honoring Individual Preferences Near the End of Life*. She has been an invited participant to several end-of-life and healthcare think tank meetings held in Washington, DC by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW).

Linda Schwimmer, JD

Attorney, President and CEO, New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute
Pennington, New Jersey

Linda Schwimmer is the President and CEO of the New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute. The Quality Institute is a nonprofit focused on improving the quality and affordability of healthcare in New Jersey. Ms. Schwimmer is also a member of the board of the Leapfrog Group, a national hospital safety advocacy group that issues the Hospital Safety Grade. Ms. Schwimmer serves on the board of the Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement, is Vice Chair for the National Quality Forum (NQF) Consensus Standards Approval Committee, and also serves on the NQF Palliative and End-of-Life Care Standing Committee. Ms. Schwimmer served as a co-chair on Governor Phil Murphy's healthcare transition team.

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.

Ms. 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.

Ms. Schwimmer received a BA with honors from the University of California, Berkeley, and a JD from Georgetown University Law Center.

Christine Seel Ritchie, MD, MSPH

Professor of Medicine in Residence, Harris Fishbon Distinguished Professor for Clinical Translational Research in Aging, University of California San Francisco, Jewish Home of San Francisco Center for Research on Aging
San Francisco, California
Nominated by the National Coalition for Hospice and Palliative Care

Christine Ritchie, MD, MSPH, is the Harris Fishbon Distinguished Professor at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF). She is a board certified geriatrician and palliative care physician with long-standing experience in clinical care delivery and advanced illness research. Dr. Ritchie's research focuses on quality of life and healthcare issues surrounding multimorbidity. She works locally and nationally with American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, and the Center to Advance Palliative Care, and the Coalition to promote the development of quality-of-care measures for palliative care. She has served in an advisory role to both the Quality Data Assessment Collection Tool (QDACT) Initiative and the Palliative Care Quality Network (PCQN).

Robert Sidlow, MD, MBA, FACP

Division Head, Survivorship and Supportive Care, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
New York, New York

Dr. Robert Sidlow is Head of the Division of Survivorship and Supportive Care at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, and he is Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine at the Weill Cornell College of Medicine. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine, and he is a certified Hospice Medical Director. Dr. Sidlow serves as a member of the subspecialty board for the American Board of Internal Medicine. Previously, Dr. Sidlow served as Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Vice Chairman of the Department of Medicine, and Director of Palliative Medicine at Jacobi Medical Center.

Karl Steinberg, MD, CMD, HMDC

Chief Medical Officer, Mariner Health Central; Medical Director, Life Care Center of Vista, Carlsbad by the Sea Care Center, Hospice by the Sea
Oceanside, California
Nominated by the AMDA-The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine

Dr. Steinberg is an experienced hospice and palliative medicine specialist and long-term care geriatrician who has served as a hospice and nursing home medical director for over 20 years. He got his undergraduate degree in biochemistry and molecular biology at Harvard, then taught high school for three years in New York City before returning to medical school at The Ohio State University. He trained in family medicine at the University of California San Diego. Dr. Steinberg serves as affiliate faculty at the California State University Institute for Palliative Care and has held leadership positions in numerous professional organizations including AMDA, the National POLST Paradigm Task Force, and the Coalition for Compassionate Care of California.

Paul E. Tatum, MD, MSPH, CMD, FAAHPM, AGSF

Associate Professor in the Division of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine at the Dell Medical School, University of Texas, Austin
Austin, Texas
Nominated by the American Geriatrics Society

Dr. Tatum is an Associate Professor and Fellowship Director for the Palliative Medicine Fellowship.

Dr. Tatum is a geriatrician and palliative care physician who has served as medical director for both hospice and nursing homes. He is a Director-at-Large for the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM), and he serves as a liaison to AAHPM's Public Policy Committee. He also serves on the Quality Committee of the American Geriatrics Society. He previously was a member of Hospice Compassus's National Medical Directory Advisory Council.

Gregg VandeKieft, MD, MA

Medical Director for Palliative Care, Providence Health & Services
Olympia, Washington

Gregg VandeKieft serves as the Providence system-wide medical director for palliative care and currently holds an appointment as Clinical Associate Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Washington School of Medicine, where he co-directed the Palliative Care Module of the Chronic Care Clerkship from 2009-12. He co-chairs the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine's (AAHPM) Public Policy Committee, previously chaired the AAHPM Ethics Special Interest Group, and is appointed as the AAHPM's representative on the Patient Quality of Life Coalition's Steering Committee. Dr. VandeKieft also serves as the Providence representative on the Supportive Care Coalition's board of directors.