



Jason Adelman, MD, MS

Patient Safety Officer, Montefiore Medical Center

Dr. Jason Adelman is the Patient Safety Officer for Montefiore Medical Center, a large integrated healthcare system in Bronx, NY. After completing the AHA-NPSF Patient Safety Leadership Fellowship in 2011, he was selected to be a Senior Fellow of the Health Research & Educational Trust, and is currently a member of the NQF Patient Safety Standing Committee. Dr. Adelman has developed one of the few existing measures that identifies an IT/Patient Safety Hazard- placing orders on the wrong patient, and is currently collaborating on several federally funded HIT/Patient Safety research projects. In 2013 Dr. Adelman was named one of “50 Experts Leading the Field of Patient Safety” by Becker’s Hospital Review.

Gregory Alexander, PhD, RN, FAAN

Associate Professor, University of Missouri School of Nursing

Dr. Alexander’s greatest contributions are in Gero-informatics research and national health policy. He leads pioneering IT evaluations benchmarking IT effects on quality of care in nursing homes and other long term care settings. Specifically, he is producing the first report linking nationally reported nursing home quality measures with health information technology implementation and use, funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. His leadership has informed standards development organizations and health policy about nursing practice that impacts geriatric patients nationwide. His research is widely produced, recognized, and disseminated in national and international journal publications, conference proceedings, and book chapters.

Elisabeth Belmont, J.D.

Corporate Counsel, MaineHealth

Elisabeth Belmont serves as Corporate Counsel for MaineHealth which is ranked among the nation's top 100 integrated delivery networks. She has significant experience in Health IT liability issues and has participated in numerous national and governmental initiatives where quality improvement, patient safety and Health IT intersect. Ms. Belmont is a member of the IOM Board on Health Care Services and the IOM Committee on Diagnostic Error in Health Care. She is a Past President of the American Health Lawyers Association and a former Chair of the Association’s Health Information & Technology Practice Group. Ms. Belmont is the recipient of numerous honors including being named by MODERN HEALTHCARE as one of the 2007 Top 25 Most Powerful Women in Healthcare.

Gerard Castro, PhD, MPH

Project Director, Patient Safety Initiatives, The Joint Commission

Gerard M. Castro, PhD, MPH has primary responsibility for the administration of the Joint Commission sentinel event database. He is a member of the NQF Common Formats Expert Panel and the HTSI Coalition of Organizations for Reporting Adverse Events (CORE) Committee. He received his undergraduate degree from Loyola University in Chicago and his Master of Public Health degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago in health policy and administration. His PhD in Public Health Sciences is from the University of Illinois at Chicago focusing on patient safety, healthcare systems engineering, and health policy.

David Classen, MD, MS

Associate Professor of Medicine University of Utah, Infectious Disease Society of America

Dr Classen is an Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Utah and an Active Consultant in Infectious Diseases at The University of Utah School of Medicine in Salt Lake City, Utah and he is the CMIO at Pascal Metrics, a Patient Safety Organization (PSO). He was a member of the Institute of Medicine Committee (IOM) that developed the National Healthcare Quality Report and he was also a member of the Institute of Medicine Committee on Patient Safety Data Standards. He was recently a member of the Institute of Medicine Committee on Health Information Technology and Patient Safety. He currently co chairs the National Quality Forum's AHRQ Common Formats Committee and Dr. Classen is an advisor to the Leapfrog Group and has developed and implemented the CPOE/EHR flight simulator for the Leapfrog Group and National Quality Forum. This Electronic Health Record (EHR) Flight simulator has been used to evaluate hundreds of inpatient and ambulatory EHR systems after implementation across the United States and The United Kingdom and is a critical part of the National Quality Forum's Safe Practice #16 for Computerized Provider Order Entry within EHRs

Linda Dimitropoulos, PhD

Director, Center for the Advancement of Health IT, RTI International

Linda Dimitropoulos, PhD. is director of the Center for the Advancement of Health Information Technology at RTI International and currently serves as the associate project director for the Health IT Safety Center Road Map contract for the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC). Dr. Dimitropoulos is a recognized leader in health informatics and health IT policy. She has a doctorate in social psychology, coursework in health IT and patient safety, and two decades of research experience in health services, health care quality, and health information technology (IT) research. She has served on a number of technical expert panels including the panel on Health IT and Mental Health: the Path Forward, sponsored by AHRQ and the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH).

Lisa Freeman

Board Member, Patient Advocate, Connecticut Center for Patient Safety and Patient Advocacy of Connecticut

My husband suffered medical harm leading to chronic and complex medical conditions culminating in his passing after 18 years. A family member's perspective is like no other and is what makes their/our participation as an active member of the care team so important. My experience and more formal studies have taught me about patient care, patient safety and healthcare quality issues. As a patient safety advocate, I am actively involved with a number of patient safety organizations working to raise the bar for patient-centered care, patient safety, transparency and patient involvement at all health care “tables”.

Tejal Gandhi, MD, MPH, CPPS

President, National Patient Safety Foundation

Dr. Gandhi is advocating for patient safety at the national level, driving educational and professional certification efforts, and helping to create and spread innovative new safety ideas. Dr. Gandhi has been committed to educating other clinicians on the topic of patient safety. Her research interests focus on patient safety and reducing error using information systems. In 2009, she received the John M. Eisenberg Patient Safety and Quality Award for her contributions to understanding the epidemiology and possible prevention strategies for medical errors in the outpatient setting.

Andrea Gelzer, MD, MS, FACP

Senior Vice President and Corporate Chief Medical Officer, AmeriHealth Caritas Family of Companies

Andrea Gelzer, MD, MS, FACP is the Senior Vice President and Corporate Chief Medical Officer for AmeriHealth Caritas Family of Companies. She is responsible for medical management strategy, clinical policy development, quality management, corporate provider network strategy and medical informatics for all AmeriHealth health plans. Dr. Gelzer has over 30 years of experience in health care delivery including managed care, hospital systems, and private practice. She earned her undergraduate degree from Tufts University, doctor of medicine from St. George's University, and master's degree in preventive medicine/administrative medicine at the University of Wisconsin Madison.

Erin Grace, MHA, (ex officio member)

Director, Patient Safety Program, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

Erin Grace, MHA, is Director of the Patient Safety Program at AHRQ where she manages the Agency's activities related to general patient safety including funding of grants and contracts, and development and dissemination of evidence-based tools and resources. Previously Ms. Grace served as a senior member of the Health IT Portfolio at AHRQ where she manages the Agency's activities related to general patient safety including funding of grants and contracts, and development and dissemination of evidence-based tools and resources.

Previously Ms. Grace served as a senior member of the Health IT Portfolio at AHRQ where she focused on knowledge translation, evaluating the impact of the Portfolio's work, and assessing the future research needs to be addressed by the Portfolio. She also managed contracts, grants and other initiatives with special expertise in health information exchange, Medicaid, rural, and children's health IT needs.

Kevin Haynes, PharmD, MSCE

Director of Clinical Epidemiology, HealthCore, a subsidiary of WellPoint Inc.,

Kevin Haynes, PharmD, MSCE is a Director of Clinical Epidemiology at HealthCore, Inc. and an Adjunct Scholar and an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Epidemiology at the Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine. He has a background in both clinical pharmacy and clinical epidemiology. Dr. Haynes has extensive experience in the utilization and evaluation of electronic health data from a variety of settings in the conduct of pharmacoepidemiology research including patient safety research. He collaborates with numerous stakeholders across health care delivery to advance patient safety goals. He is a Fellow with the International Society of Pharmacoepidemiology.

Laura Heermann Langford, PhD, RN

Intermountain Healthcare

Laura Heermann Langford is a Nurse Informaticist at the Homer Warner Center for Informatics Research at Intermountain Healthcare and Assistant Professor and Program Director of Nursing Informatics at the College of Nursing, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah. At Intermountain Healthcare Dr. Langford is responsible for providing informatics support to the Emergency Care Clinical Information System, contributing leadership to the Health Services Platform Consortium and contributing Intermountain expertise to national and international standards development organizations. At the University of Utah, Dr. Langford is responsible for the curriculum of the Nursing Informatics Program, teaching core informatics courses and student progression.

George Hripcsak, MD, MS

Chair, Biomedical Informatics, Columbia University & Director, Medical Informatics, NYP, New York-Presbyterian Hospital

George Hripcsak, MD, MS, is Vivian Beaumont Allen Professor and Chair of Columbia University's Department of Biomedical Informatics and Director of Medical Informatics Services for NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia Campus. He is a board-certified internist with a biostatistics degree. He studies the clinical information stored in electronic health records and on the development of next-generation health record systems to support clinical research and patient safety initiatives. He was co-chair of the HHS's Meaningful Use Workgroup, he built a 7000-user health record, he led the Arden Syntax effort, he is a fellow of the Institute of Medicine, and he published over 250 papers.

Jason Jones, PhD

Executive Director of Clinical Intelligence and Decision Support, Kaiser Permanente

Dr. Jones is Executive Director of Clinical Intelligence and Decision Support at Kaiser Permanente. In this role, he focuses upon building tools and capacity for organizational decision making and point of care decision support involving predictive analytics. Organizational decision making includes identifying areas of opportunity and how improvement will be measured. Providing point of care decision support by leveraging predictive analytics is a rapidly evolving capability within Kaiser Permanente that can help providers and patients use better information to evaluate treatment options.

Nana Khunlertkit, PhD

Senior Human Factors Lead, Johns Hopkins Medicine Amrstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality

Adjhaporn (Nana) Khunlertkit, PhD is a Human Factors lead from the Armstrong Institute for patient safety and quality. She received her PhD in Industrial and Systems Engineering (major in Human Factors Engineering) from the University of Wisconsin Madison in 2011 and completed her post-doctoral research fellow training at the John Hopkins School of Medicine in 2012. Dr. Khunlerkit's research mainly focuses on proactive risk assessments with a strong emphasis on Health Information Technology related topics, such as end-user usability evaluations and redesigns for HIT interfaces and medical devices, workflow analyses, FMEA, system reengineering, and end-user readiness assessments for HIT implementations.

William Marella, MBA

Program Director, Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority

Bill Marella has directed the Patient Safety Authority's safety surveillance and analysis system, which won the 2006 Eisenberg Award, since 2004. Under his direction, this program has collected and analyzed over 2 million safety events and published several hundred analyses aimed at prioritizing and disseminating solutions to patient safety problems. He leads the Authority's research agenda on Health IT and directed a series of studies on the risks introduced during the period of rapid EHR adoption in the US. His work at the intersection of safety and HIT has been featured at conferences by Modern Healthcare, HIMSS, ONC, and others.

Dena Mendelsohn, JD, MPH

Health Policy Analyst, Consumers Union / Consumer Reports

Dena Mendelsohn is a Health Policy Analyst at Consumers Union, the advocacy and policy division of Consumer Reports. An attorney, policy researcher, and advocate with experience working within government and from non-profits, her work at Consumers Union focuses on implementation of health care reform, particularly in California. She seeks to engage health care consumers and activists throughout the state, and nationwide, on issues related to health information technology (HIT), with an eye towards increasing access to high quality, affordable, health care.

Previous to Consumers Union, she served as a health policy analyst at the Pacific Business Group on Health (PBGH), and as a budget and planning analyst for the state of Missouri. Prior to that, she practiced law as a private attorney. She received her juris doctorate from Washington University in Saint Louis and her Master of Public Health degree with highest honors from Saint Louis University School of Public Health.

James Russell, RPh

Patient Safety Officer, Epic

Jim Russell is a pharmacist with over a decade of experience caring for patients in both acute care and post-acute care settings. For the past 12 years, he has provided guidance in the development of Epic's EMR with a focus on medication management across the continuum of care and continuous quality improvement. He serves as Epic's Patient Safety Officer and participates in numerous industry initiatives such as EHRA and Epic's engagement with safety organizations such as ISMP.

Eric Schneider, MD, MSc

Principal Researcher and Director, RAND Boston, RAND Corporation

Eric Schneider, MD, MSc, is Principal Researcher and Director of the RAND Boston Office. He holds the RAND Distinguished Chair in Health Care Quality. He is Associate Professor in the Division of General Medicine and Primary Care at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, and the Harvard School of Public Health. He serves on the editorial board of the AHRQ-sponsored National Quality Measures Clearinghouse (NQMC). He is co-chair of the Committee for Performance Measurement of the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). He is former Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal for Quality in Health Care.

Mark Segal, PhD

Vice President, Government and Industry Affairs, GE Healthcare IT, GE Healthcare

Mark Segal is VP, Government and Industry Affairs, GE Healthcare IT. He directs participation in government and industry, defines/drives policy agendas, and coordinates responses to regulations and legislation. Mark is EHR Association Chair, past Chair of EHRA's Public Policy Workgroup, and on HIMSS and AMIA Public Policy Committees. He is on eHI's Leadership Council and chairs its Policy Steering Committee. Mark was on the Bipartisan Policy Center Task Force on Delivery System Reform and is on its Collaborative on Health IT and Delivery System Reform. He has a BA and PhD in political science (University of Rochester and MIT).

Hardeep Singh, MD, MPH

Associate Professor and Chief, Health Policy, Quality and Informatics Program, Houston Veterans Affairs Health Services Research Center of Innovation, Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center and Baylor College of Medicine

Dr. Singh is a practicing internist, a patient safety researcher and since 2007, the Director of the Houston VA Patient Safety Center funded by the VA National Center for Patient Safety.

He is an internationally recognized expert in EHR-related patient safety research, policy and practice initiatives. In addition to helping develop ONC SAFER Guides, he has participated in several national expert panels on safety measurement. For his groundbreaking contributions to health IT safety, he received the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE) from President Obama in 2014. This is the highest honor bestowed by the US government on science and engineering professionals in early stages of their independent research careers. He also received the AcademyHealth 2012 Alice S. Hersch New Investigator Award for high-impact research.

Karen Paul Zimmer, MD, MPH, FAAP

Independent Consultant, Health IT, Patient Safety and Quality

Dr. Zimmer currently is an independent consultant in the area of Health IT, Patient Safety and Quality. She has over 25 years of combined healthcare, patient safety, and quality experience. She was formerly the Medical Director for ECRI Institute's PSO as well as its Patient Safety, Risk and Quality Group where she provided overall clinical direction and was responsible for supervision of analytics, development of tools, and dissemination of strategies and solutions. She designed an event management analysis database and was integral in the development of the ECRI Institute patient safety reporting system. For nearly one year, she concurrently served as the Acting Editor for the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Advisory, a publication based on a statewide mandated safety reporting program. Additionally, her past work included implementation of IT and QI programs at Johns Hopkins Hospital, and leading HIT-government-sponsored collaboratives at ECRI. She currently continues as a subcontractor to ECRI on an AHRQ-sponsored project. She participates on councils for Jefferson Hospital as well as Cornell Weill Medical Center.