



Infectious Disease Endorsement Maintenance

Steering Committee

Steven Brotman, MD, JD (Co-Chair)

Senior Vice President, Payment and Policy, Advanced Medical Technology (AdvaMed)

Steven J. Brotman, M.D., J.D. is Senior Vice President, Payment and Policy, for the Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed). Dr. Brotman leads AdvaMed's health care quality initiatives. Dr. Brotman is a Board Certified Pathologist and received his M.D. from The Mount Sinai School of Medicine and fellowship training at Johns Hopkins in immuno-pathology. Dr. Brotman earned a J.D. from the University of Maryland and was an associate in the FDA Regulatory Group at Morgan, Lewis, and Bockius. Subsequently, he was a Senior Regulatory Attorney at Wyeth Pharmaceuticals. Dr. Brotman has authored several peer-reviewed scientific publications. He is on the editorial board of Maryland Medicine, and has taught Scientific Evidence at the University of Maryland School of Law.

Edward Septimus, MD, FACP, FIDSA, FSHEA (Co-Chair)

Medical Director, Infection Prevention and Epidemiology, Clinical Service Group, HCA Healthcare System

Edward Septimus, MD, FACP, FIDSA, FSHEA is the Medical Director for Infection Prevention and Epidemiology for the Clinical Service Group at HCA Healthcare System in Houston, TX. He is also a Clinical Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the College of Medicine, Texas A&M Health Science Center. Furthermore, he has served on the CDC's Ventilator-associated Pneumonia (VAP) Surveillance Definition Working Group and the Healthcare-Associated Infections and Preventable Adverse Events Advisory Pane for the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Jeffrey Beal, MD, AAHIVS

Medical Director, Bureau of HIV/AIDS, Division of Disease Control, Florida Department of Health

Jeffrey Beal, MD, AAHIVS has considerable experience in performance measurement, quality improvement, and delivery of evidence based infectious disease care and treatment. Dr. Beal has over 30 years of experience providing care and treatment to people living with HIV opportunistic or respiratory infections, multiple organ system infections, and sepsis, among others. Dr. Beal is the Program Director for the University of South Florida Hepatitis C Evaluation and Technical Assistance Center for HCV/HIV Co-Infection. As medical director, Dr. Beal has the responsibility to measure and improve the quality of care provided in various care settings.

Mary Blank, MPH, CIC, CPHQ

Manager, Care Model Innovation and Design, Highmark, Inc.

Mary Blank, MPH, CIC, CPHQ is the Manager of the Care Model and Innovation Design Department for Highmark Blue Shield. Formerly, Mary was responsible for overseeing development of programming components and facilitating operational aspects of Highmark's QualityBLUESM Hospital Pay-for-Performance program that concentrated heavily on improving healthcare quality and eliminating adverse events inclusive of healthcare associated infections. Currently, Mary is a member of the Association for Practitioners in Healthcare Epidemiology, is a member of the West Virginia Healthcare Associated Infection Advisory Group; Served as a judge for the Hospital Association of Pennsylvania (HAP) Patient Safety Awards 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012.

Kathleen Brady, MD

Medical Director/Medical Epidemiologist, AIDS Activities Coordinating Office, Philadelphia Department of Public Health

Kathleen Brady, MD has been very involved in cross section of infectious diseases and public health, clinical care, and quality management over the course of her career. As a Clinical Assistant Professor, Dr. Brady provides examination, consultation, and management to patients experiencing a wide range of infectious diseases. Serving as a Medical Director/Medical Epidemiologist, Dr. Brady provides oversight and management to a city health department's HIV/AIDS quality management and surveillance program that serves over 20,000 people infected with HIV. Through this role, she is responsible for selecting and developing measures and identifying quality proprieties.

Doug Campos-Outcalt, MD, MPA

Chair and Professor, Department of Family, Community and Preventive Medicine, University of Arizona, College of Medicine

Doug Campos-Outcalt MD, MPA is a founding faculty member of the University of Arizona College of Medicine in Phoenix and head of their Department of Family, Community and Preventive Medicine. He has held a number of clinical and public health leadership positions, including one as a public health consultant for the country of Papua New Guinea. Dr. Campos-Outcalt received his medical degree from the University of Arizona and completed residencies in Family Medicine at the University of CA, Davis. He holds a Master Degree in Public Administration from Arizona State University and is board certified in Family Medicine and Preventive Medicine. He has research and clinical interests in infectious diseases and experience in public health.

Raymond Chung, MD

Director of Hepatology, Vice Chief of Gastroenterology, Massachusetts General Hospital

Raymond Chung, MD is Director of Hepatology and Vice Chief of Gastroenterology at Massachusetts General Hospital. He has been an internationally recognized leader in viral hepatitis, having conducted major clinical, translational and fundamental research in HCV and HBV. He has been an organizer of AASLD conferences related to antiviral therapy, and has been an invited participant on the FDA Antiviral Advisory Committee, the NIH Consensus Conference Panel on HBV, NIH Working Group on the Action Plan for Liver Research, and the DHHS Guidelines for Management of Opportunistic Infections in HIV-Infected Persons. He is currently Vice Chair of the Hepatitis Transformative Study Group of the NIAID AIDS Clinical Trials Group and serves on the Governing Board of the AASLD.

Curtis Collins, PharmD, MS, BCPS

Clinical Pharmacist, University of Michigan Health System

Curtis Collins, PharmD, M.S. is currently an Infectious Diseases Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the University of Michigan Health System. He is active in state and regional emergency preparedness efforts as well as several professional organizations such as the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacist, and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). Dr. Collins is currently a member of ASHP's Council on Pharmacy Practices and has served on the National Quality Forum's Infectious Diseases Technical Advisory Panel as well as the Safety, Healthcare-Associated Infectious Work Group, and the Surgery Steering Committee.

Sue Elam, BSN, PHN, MHS, FNP

Family Nurse Practitioner, Kaiser Permanente Medical Group

Sue Elam, BSN, PHN, MHS, FNP has been a family nurse practitioner for thirty five plus years. She has spent the last 15 years in Infectious Diseases with a specialty in HIV care. With the changes in health care delivery and the specialization of medicine, this particular patient population allows her to continue to provide primary care and specialty care for a large, diverse group with many different needs. She is currently an employee of Kaiser Permanente and has expertise in both staff and patient education. She has been responsible for development and implementation of numerous programs within the organization, the community and also aboard.

Mohamad Fakh, MD, MPH

Medical Director, Infection Prevention and Control, St. John Hospital and Medical Center

Mohamad Fakh, MD, MPH is an Associate Professor of Medicine at Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, MI. He is board certified in Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases, & Quality (subspecialty in patient safety). He has a MPH (Health Management & Policy) from Univ. of Michigan. Dr. Fakh is the hospital epidemiologist and the medical director of Infection Prevention & Control at St. John Hospital & Medical Center in Detroit, MI. He co-chairs the System Infection Prevention & Control Steering Committee and is the physician advisor for infection prevention for Ascension Health, a 70+ hospital System. His main research focus is reducing risk of patient harm thru evidence-based practice, with a focus on preventing healthcare-associated infections.

Michael C. Farber, MD

Medicaid Medical Director, Vermont Medicaid, Department of Vermont Health Access

Michael C. Farber, MD currently serves as Medical Director for Vermont Medicaid (Department of Vermont Health Access) and has functioned in this position for nearly one year. Prior to coming to Vermont, he served as the California Medicaid Managed Care Medical Director from 2006 to 2009, and worked in fee-for-service Medicaid Medical Policy since 1993. Vermont is one of only a few states where the Medicaid Medical Director was recruited and hired by the Office of the Dean at the University of Vermont, College of Medicine. Dr. Farber worked for California Medicaid (Medi-Cal) from 1993 to 2009 and has served and developed initiatives on care coordination, the medical home, behavioral and health education assessment of Medicaid beneficiaries for nine separate age groups, formulated and promoted the comprehensive health assessment of all beneficiaries, and provided leadership to a statewide collaborative whose goal sought to reduce avoidable emergency room visits through an educational campaign.

Thomas M. File, Jr., MD, MSc, MACP, FIDSA

Chair, Division of Infectious Disease, Summa Health System

Thomas M. File Jr., MD is Chief of the Infectious Disease Service and Director of HIV Research at Summa Health System in Akron, Ohio, and Professor of Internal Medicine, Master Teacher, and Head of the Infectious Disease Section at the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine in Rootstown, Ohio. Primary research interests that Dr. File has pursued include community-acquired respiratory tract infections, bacterial resistance in respiratory infections, infections in patients with diabetes, soft tissue infections, and evaluation of new antimicrobial agents. In addition, he is Editor-in-Chief of Infectious Diseases in Clinical Practice.

Thomas Giordano, MD, MPH

Medical Director, HIV Services, Harris County Hospital District

Thomas Giordano, MD, MPH is an internal medicine and infectious diseases physician with over a decade of experience in a number of care settings and serving vulnerable populations. Through his role as a medical director and staff physician, Dr. Giordano has taken on the responsibility to measure and improvement of the quality of care. In addition to clinical care, Dr. Giordano has performed a significant amount of research and published numerous manuscripts on HIV and Hepatitis C, which has been helpful in identifying root causes for retention in HIV care and treatment.

Peter Havens, MD, MS

Director, Pediatric HIV Care Program, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

Peter Havens, MD, MS is a distinguished physician with over 25 years of experience in pediatric infectious diseases and pediatric critical care. Dr. Havens has been serving as an infectious disease consultant in the Heart Transplantation Program and the Director of the Pediatric HIV Care program for over 20 years. Over his career, Dr. Havens has been a leader among pediatric physicians with respect of pediatric infectious disease care and treatment. His leadership is evidenced by the vast and varied catalogue of published manuscripts, lectures and speaking engagements, and membership to national advisory committees. As the medical director for a Ryan White Part B and D grant, he is responsible for overseeing the quality management program.

Aaron Milstone, MD, MHS

Associate Hospital Epidemiologist, Johns Hopkins Hospital

Aaron Milstone, MD, MHS is Associate Hospital Epidemiologist at the Johns Hopkins Hospital and Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Pediatrics Division of Infectious Diseases at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and in the Dept. of Epidemiology at the Bloomberg School of Public Health. He holds a MHS degree from the Johns Hopkins University Graduate Training Program in Clinical Investigation. Dr. Milstone is board certified in Pediatrics and Infectious Diseases. He is a member of numerous professional societies, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Society of Healthcare Epidemiology of America, the Pediatric Infectious Disease Society, the Infectious Disease Society of America and the Children's Oncology Group.

Rekha Murthy, MD, FRCP(c), FACP

Medical Director, Hospital Epidemiology Department, Cedars Sinai Medical Center

Rekha Murthy, MD, FRCP(c), FACP is Medical Director of the Hospital Epidemiology Department, Division of Infectious Diseases, at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and Professor of Clinical Medicine at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) David Geffen School of Medicine in Los Angeles, CA. Dr. Murthy's clinical and research interests include the prevention of hospital acquired infections, epidemiology of multidrug resistant organisms, antimicrobial management and device associated infections. Dr. Murthy received her MD at Queen's University School of Medicine in Kingston, Ontario, Canada. She completed internship and residency programs in Internal Medicine at Queen's University School of Medicine and at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, and completed clinical and research fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, and the UCLA-San Fernando Valley Program, Los Angeles, CA. At Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Dr. Murthy serves as Chairperson of the Infection Control and Antibiotic Utilization Review Committees, and leads the hospital wide efforts to prevent healthcare associated infections.

Tiffany Osborn, MD, MPH, FACEP

Associate Professor, Department of Surgery and Emergency Medicine, Washington University/Barnes-Jewish Hospital

As a member of ACEP's Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Section (QIPS), Tiffany Osborn, MD, MPH, FACEP has dutifully served for over a decade as ACEP's representative to the Surviving Sepsis Campaign which is an international collaborative representing the American Association of Critical Care Nurses and the Society of Critical Care Medicine amongst others. In addition to being board certified in emergency medicine and intensive care medicine, Dr. Osborn has received extensive training in health services research and evidence based medicine during her Master of Public Health program at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She also has experience working with the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) to improve the quality of care.

Kalpana Ramiah, DrPH, MPH, MSc, CHES, CPH, CTTS

Principal Project Specialist, American Institutes for Research

Kalpana Ramiah, DrPH, MPH, MSc, CHES, CPH, CTTS has extensive experience in population health and has published in many areas including tobacco use, diet and exercise, alcohol use, and many others. Dr. Ramiah, in addition to her Doctorate in Public Health (DrPH), holds a Masters in Science in Nutrition. Currently, Dr. Ramiah is a Principal Project Specialist at the American Institutes for Research (AIR). She is responsible for providing technical assistance to the Aligning Forces for Quality (AF4Q) project. AF4Q is a 300 million signature effort by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to lift the overall quality of health care in targeted communities, reduce racial and ethnic disparities and provide models for national reform. Technical assistance is provided for: planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating a population health project (AF4Q PHP), monitor and report on the progress of communities on the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Quality and Equality indicators, design a system to monitor the cost and quality goals of the AF4Q Alliances.

David Spach, MD

Director, Infectious Disease Clinic, Harborview Medical Center

David Spach, MD has evaluated and managed patients with HIV, nosocomial infections, respiratory tract infections, sepsis, septic shock, skin and soft tissue infections, STDs, gastrointestinal infections, and UTIs. He has also served as the director of a large hospital-based infectious diseases clinic. Dr. Spach has performed research or published manuscripts on HIV/AIDS, OIs, hepatitis C, occupational blood-borne pathogens, respiratory tract infections, STDs, immunizations, infections in transplantation patients among others. Serving as the Associate Director of a Ryan White Clinic and as the Principal Investigator of the NW AIDS Education and Training Center, he has experience in evaluating performance measures, quality control, and outcomes.

Adam Thompson

Consultant

Adam Thompson is currently focusing on building the capacity of consumer of HIV service to serve on quality improvement teams and of providers to receive the consumers as part of their teams. To this end, he has developed a two-day training for consumers to enhance their knowledge and skills around quality improvement tools, performance measurement, and active, viable participation in teams. This training not only trains consumers, but also supports the providers in maintaining the consumers on the quality improvement teams. Mr. Thompson is also serving as a faculty advisor to the Washington D.C. HIV learning collaborative where he is working with both consumers and providers on forming a regional quality management project. Mr. Thompson was the Director of HIV Prevention Services for the AIDS/HIV Services Group in Charlottesville, VA, a community-based organization working with gay men and intravenous drug users to prevent the spread of HIV through education, empowerment, outreach, and research. Recently, Mr. Thompson exhibited his leadership as a key member of the Virginia team in the HRSA HIV/AIDS Bureau-sponsored Cross-Part collaborative. As the leader of the Virginia Cross-Part Team, he was instrumental in helping Virginia's Ryan White Program-funded grantees work in partnership in order to strengthen their individual quality management programs and improve the overall quality of HIV care in the region.