Interoperability 2016-2017 Project

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Rainu Kaushal, MD, MPH

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Rainu Kaushal, MD, MPH, is the Nanette Laitman distinguished professor and chair of the Department of Healthcare Policy & Research at Weill Cornell Medicine/NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital. She strives to optimize the value of healthcare through the use of IT by conducting research, patient care, educational programs, and management activities. With over 150 scholarly publications, Dr. Kaushal is an expert in researching the effectiveness, cost-effectiveness, and comparative-effectiveness of interoperable health IT including new payment and organizational models of healthcare delivery. Dr. Kaushal also has experience building an electronic network of 7 million patients to support patient-centered research and healthcare improvement.

Mark Savage, JD

Director, Health Information Technology Policy and Programs, National Partnership for Women & Families
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Mark Savage is Director of Health IT Policy and Programs and oversees the National Partnership's strategy and work to advance electronic health information access and exchange as the backbone for patient engagement, delivery reform, quality measurement, and population health. The work includes policy development throughout the Meaningful Use program, delivery system reform and other programs, and focuses on leveraging health IT to advance patient access and interoperability, patient engagement, person-centered care planning, and health equity. The National Partnership also leads the Consumer Partnership for eHealth, a coalition of more than 50 leading consumer, patient and labor organizations.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Julia Adler-Milstein PhD

Associate Professor, University of Michigan
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Julia Adler-Milstein is an Associate Professor at the School of Information and the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan. Dr. Adler-Milstein is a national expert on policy and

management issues related to the use of IT in healthcare delivery. Her research assesses the progress of health IT adoption; the impact of such adoption on healthcare costs and quality; and the relationships between market, organizational, and team structure and health IT use. A core focus of her work is on health information exchange and interoperability measurement. Dr. Adler-Milstein holds a PhD in health policy from Harvard University.

JohnMarc Alban, MS, RN, CPHIMS
Associate Director of Quality Measurement and Informatics, The Joint Commission
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JohnMarc Alban, MS, RN, CPHIMS is the Associate Director of Quality Measurement and Informatics at The Joint Commission. In this position, he oversees the Center for Performance Measurement where his teams work on the development and maintenance of both chart based and electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs) designed to improve healthcare outcomes. These projects and initiatives support the accreditation and certification activities of The Joint Commission.

A. John Blair, MD
CEO, MedAllies
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Dr. Blair is the CEO of MedAllies, which operates a national Direct network that supports over 60,000 providers across over 5000 provider organizations. Dr. Blair also serves as president of Taconic IPA, a 5,000-member physician organization. Dr. Blair serves on the Privacy and Security Workgroup and the NHIN Workgroup of the Policy Committee of the ONC. He also serves as chair on the DirectTrust.org Board, the Heath Information Technology Standards Committee (HITSC), and the National Committee on Quality Assurance Committee on Performance Measurement. Before MedAllies, Dr. Blair spent 15 years in academic medicine and private practice.

Chris Boone, PhD, MHA, FACHE
Vice President, Real World Informatics, Avalere Health, An Inovalon Company
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Dr. Boone currently serves as the Vice President for Real World Informatics & Strategies at Avalere Health, a professor at the University of Cincinnati in the health informatics program, and a co-founder of a few start-up companies. Prior to Avalere, he was the CEO & Executive Director for the Health Data Consortium. Dr. Boone holds a BS from the University of Tulsa, a MS from the University of Texas at Arlington, a PhD from the University of Texas at Dallas, and executive certificates from the Harvard Kennedy School. Additionally, he is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Jason Buckner
Sr. Vice President, Informatics, The Health Collaborative
Cincinnati, Ohio

Jason Buckner is Senior Vice President, Informatics at The Health Collaborative. He oversees the HealthBridge service line which is recognized as one of the nation's largest, most advanced, and most financially sustainable regional health information exchanges (HIE) in the country. The Health Collaborative's HealthBridge service line supports health information technology (HIT)

adoption, HIE, clinical and claims measurement and innovative use of information for improved health care outcomes. In addition to overseeing the HealthBridge service line, Jason is responsible for leading strategic planning for The Health Collaborative's Information Technology Department including application development, business intelligence, integration and infrastructure teams.

Hans Buitendijk, MSc, FHL7
Senior Strategist Interoperability Standards & Interoperability, Cerner Corporation
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Mr. Buitendijk is an active member of various interoperability focused organizations: HL7 Board Member, Co-Chair HL7 Orders & Observations Workgroup; EHRA Executive Committee Member; Chair EHRA Standards & Interoperability Workgroup; Lead EHRA Inteoperability Measurement Taskforce; Vice-Chair Carequality Steering Committee; The Sequoia Project Board Member (for Carequality).

Kimberly Chaundy
Director, Geisinger Health System
Danville, Pennsylvania

Kim Chaundy joined Geisinger Health System in November 2010, after a long tenure as the IT Director at Shamokin Area Community Hospital in Shamokin, PA. Today, Kim is the Operations Director of the Keystone Health Information Exchange (KeyHIE), which is one of the oldest and largest operating health information exchanges in Pennsylvania, connecting over 50 healthcare organizations and serving over 4 million patients. Kim oversees and tracks all aspects of KeyHIE operations including, but not limited to: vendor management, daily functions and implementation projects. Kim has been involved with KeyHIE from its inception in 2005, helping participation grow from 10 to over 50 participating healthcare organizations today.

Sarah Dinwiddie, MSN, RN
American College of Physicians
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Sarah Dinwiddie, RN, MSN is the Performance Measurement Associate of The American College of Physicians. Sarah is responsible for coordinating the process of reviewing performance measures, development and dissemination of policies related to performance measurement, and strategies to use performance measures to guide the improvement of the quality of patient care. Prior to joining ACP, Sarah specialized in orthopedics and sports medicine as a staff nurse at The Hospital for Special Surgery in New York, NY.

Mark Frisse, MD, MS, MBA
Accenture Professor, Department of Biomedical Informatics, Vanderbilt University-Vanderbilt University Medical Center
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Dr. Frisse have extensive experience in designing, implementing, and measuring the impact of interoperable systems on care quality and financial accountability. He have worked at the institutional, regional, state, and national levels. While in the private sector, he helped form RxHub to foster standards in medication management. Dr. Frisse is a member of the National Academy of Medicine.

David Hirschorn, MD
Director of Radiology Informatics, Chief of Informatics – Imaging Service Line
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Dr. Hirschorn is a doctor, but is also a C/UNIX programmer, and as such have designed, implemented and maintained numerous HL7 and web services interfaces in my health system. In particular, he have created several novel system integrations where there was no vendor solution or industry standard to use, in order to promote patient care, utilizing languages such as PHP, vb script and javascript. He have worked over the years with the radiology lexicon project RSNA RadLex, and is currently overhauling the exam dictionaries of 20 hospitals to get them to a standard lexicon of radiology orderables. He have written custom scripts where no industry standard existed to facilitate the exchange of clinical information for remote interpretation of radiology exams, including clinical order information, DICOM transfers of current and relevant prior exams and their reports, and remote management of critical test results among disparate information systems. He have worked with his internal Heath Information Exchange to support unified patient identity and sharing of clinical information among all participating hospitals. Dr. Hirschorn also serve as chair of the Government Relations Committee of the ACR Informatics Commission, and in that role have participated as a panelist in several FDA and ONC workshops. As such, he have experienced firsthand many of the challenges of interoperability, including information blocking, and have found various ways of overcoming them.

David Kaelber, MD, PHD, MPH, MS, FAAP, FACP
Chief Medical Informatics Officer and Vice-President for Health Informatics, The MetroHealth System
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Dr. David Kaelber is board certified in Clinical Informatics and a practicing internist and pediatrician. He has been the Chief Medical Informatics Officer and Vice-President for Health Informatics for the MetroHealth System, an essential healthcare system since 2008. In this role he is the executive sponsor for all clinical informatics initiatives including, but not limited to, Meaningful Use, the personal health record, the electronic health record, health information exchange, and technology deployment of population health tools, analytics, and metrics both for the Medicare Shared Savings ACO as well as several commercial ACOs that MetroHealth participates in.

Terry Ketchersid, MD, MBA
Sr. VP and Chief Medical Officer, Integrated Care Group Fresenius Medical Care North America
Waltham, Massachusetts

Terry Ketchersid has 17 years of experience in private practice across several diverse clinical settings, and has reviewed and utilized a variety of electronic health records during this time. He was staff Nephrologist with Danville Urologic Clinic, serving as President and CEO in 2004-05. At Halifax, Terry's roles included Chairman of Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, Chief of Medicine, and Chief Quality Officer. Terry completed the Executive MBA program at Duke's Fuqua School of Business, earning the Fuqua Scholar honor. He joined the Acumen Electronic Health Record management team where he was CMO from 2009-2013. Terry served as VP, Clinical Health Information Management at FMCNA prior to becoming Senior VP and Chief Medical Officer for Integrated Care Group within FMCNA in 2014.

Terrence O'Malley, Physician
Physician, Partners HealthCare System, Inc
Boston, Massachusetts

Dr. O'Malley is an internist/geriatrician at Massachusetts General Hospital in active clinical practice. At the national level, he co-led the Long Term and Post Acute Care (LTPAC) Transitions of Care and the Longitudinal Coordination of Care (LCC) work groups within the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology S&I Framework and he is curently the Community Lead on the Electronic Long Term Services and Supports work group (eLTSS) which is developing standards for the exchange of an LTSS care plan. He is currently on the NQF Care Coordination Measure Endorsement Standing Committee.

Frank Opelka, MD, FACS
Medical Director, American College of Surgeons
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Frank Opelka, MD, FACS is Medical Director of Quality and Health Policy at the American College of Surgeons where he works on surgical quality related issues. Dr. Opelka is a board certified colon and rectal surgeon. He received his MD from the University of Health Sciences, Chicago Medical School. Previously he served as the Executive Vice President of HealthCare and Medical Education Redesign for the Louisiana State University Systems Office. He is a national leader in interoperability, surgical quality, patient safety, public reporting, and care & delivery system redesign.

William Rich, MD
President, Medical Director of Health Policy, American Academy of Ophthalmology
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William L. Rich III is currently the President and Medical Director of Health Policy for the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO), the oldest American medical specialty society. Prior to this Dr. Rich served as the Secretary for Federal Affairs for the Academy. He has had a twenty-five year involvement in health policy, health care financing, physician payment and quality metrics in addition to consulting with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the National Health Policy Forum, the National Institute of Health Care Management, the Bipartisan Policy Center, and the Institute of Medicine. He has served as a founder and executive committeeman for a local IPA and the nation's largest national subspecialty PPO. In April of 2009 Dr. Rich completed a six-year term as Chair of the AMA RBRVS (RUC) Committee. He served a six year term as a member of the American College of Surgeons Health Policy Committee and just completed a six year term as Chair of the Health Professions Council of the National Quality Forum where he participated in the development of criteria for efficiency of care. Currently Dr. Rich chairs the AAO ophthalmic clinical data registry, IRIS (Intelligent Research in Sight).

Robert Rosati, PhD
Vice President fo Data, Research and Quality, VNA Health Group
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Robert J. Rosati, PhD is Chair of the Connected Health Institute & Vice President of Data, Research and Quality at the Visiting Nurse Association Health Group (VNAHG) in Red Bank, New Jersey. Dr. Rosati is responsible for implementing and evaluating new technology initiatives at VNAHG. He is

responsible for quality improvement, analysis, reporting of clinical outcomes and conducting research related to home and community based care. He is Associate Editor of the Journal for Healthcare Quality. Dr. Rosati has extensive experience in long term care policy, health information technology, building data warehouses, measurement, analytics and reporting.

Robert Rudin, PhD
Information Scientist, RAND Corporation
Boston, Massachusetts

Robert S. Rudin, PhD, is an Information Scientist at RAND. Dr. Rudin focuses on health information technology (IT) and IT-related health services research, combining expertise in informatics, health services research, health policy and systems thinking to understand, design, implement, and evaluate health IT, with a core focus on data exchange and interoperability. He has published extensively on evaluations of health information exchanges (HIE) – including a large systematic review – as well as care transitions, fragmentation and continuity of care, and care coordination IT functionalities. He has proposed a novel interoperability measure, called the "transition percentage".

Theresa (Tess) Settergren, MHA, MA, RN-BC
Director, Nursing Informatics, Cedars-Sinai Health System
Los Angeles, California

Ms. Settergren has experienced the challenges of non-standard data in electronic health records and the negative impacts on clinicians and patients, and on secondary use of EHR data for quality measurement and research. The federal standard of using LOINC and SNOMED CT has provided an opportunity to render EHR data usable--resolving the current status of 'data rich, information poor'. As a collaborative member of the Nursing Knowledge: Big Data Science initiative, she is co-leading the LOINC and SNOMED CT data encoding workgroup, working on information modeling, and incorporating nursing data into research common data models.

Jason Shapiro, MD
Professor of Emer Medicine, Co-Director of MS in Biomedical informatics, Mount Sinai Medical Center
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Jason Shapiro is Professor of Emergency Medicine and Program Co-Director of the Master of Science in Biomedical Informatics in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. His research focuses on health information exchange (HIE), emergency medicine, public health and health services. His work has been funded by AHRQ, NLM and CMS. Current projects include building an HIE-based frequent ED user notification system, detection of duplicate and potentially unnecessary CT scans using HIE data, and designing algorithms to identify potentially un-domiciled patients from demographic data in the HIE.

Bruce Sigsbee, MD, MS, FAAN, FACP
Past President, American Academy of Neurology
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Dr. Sigsbee, who is Past President of the American Academy of Neurology (AAN), is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Dartmouth Medical School. He completed his neurology residency at New

York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. Sigsbee completed a master's degree in business. Throughout his career, both at the state and national level, Dr. Sigsbee has promoted strategies and technology that protects and improves patient care in a rapidly changing healthcare environment. Dr. Sigsbee currently chairs the registry committee and in that position is focused on both implementing meaningful quality measures for the patient population cared for by a physician, using quality measurement as a tool for quality improvement and reducing the burden of data capture.

Alan Swenson
Technical Coordinator, Epic
Madison, Wisconsin

In his time at Epic, Mr. Swenson have worked with hundreds of healthcare systems, helping them provide their clinicians with seamless access to patient records. His work focuses on implementation and support of Epic's interoperability application, Care Everywhere. He represents Epic as an Implementer of the Carequality framework, which facilitates record exchange between thousands of clinicians across participating vendor systems. He works with other EHR vendors, HIEs, HISPs, PHRs, payors, and government agencies to make information immediately available wherever patients are seen, regardless of the EHR system being used, and to improve information that is shared through collaboration on document content.

Steven Waldren, MD, MS
Director, Alliance for eHealth Innovation, American Academy of Family Physicians
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Steven E. Waldren, MD, is nationally recognized expert in health information technology. He is the director at the American Academy of Family Physicians' Alliance for eHealth Innovation. Waldren joined the AAFP in May 2004 because of his knowledge of design and management of health information systems, computer science, and medical informatics. Prior to joining the AAFP, Dr. Waldren was a National Library of Medicine Medical Informatics Postdoctoral Fellow at the Univ. of Missouri, Columbia, at which time, he earned a Masters Degree in Medical Informatics. Dr. Waldren is also a residency trained family physician. Besides his role at the AAFP, he also participates in many national health care informatics initiatives including Vice-Chair of the ASTM International E31 Health Information Standards Committee and Past Commissioner of the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Access and Payment Commission (MACPAC).

Mariann Yeager
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Ms. Yeager is the CEO of The Sequoia Project, a non-profit supporting multiple health IT interoperability initiatives, including the eHealth Exchange, Carequality and RSNA Image Share Validation, and other efforts to solve critical health data sharing challenges. She has developed national-level health data sharing networks and frameworks and matured them to sustainable enterprises through collaboration across a diverse range of public and private sector stakeholders. Ms. Yeager has in-depth expertise related to the health information exchange, interoperability, testing and certification, governance and policy issues related to healthcare IT.