

National Voluntary Consensus Standards for Patient Outcomes Cancer Technical Advisory Panel

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Lee N. Newcomer, MD, MHA, is the Senior Vice President, Oncology for UnitedHealthcare. His unit is responsible for improving the quality and affordability of care for the 111,000 cancer patients covered by United Healthcare. Prior to rejoining United Health Group (UHG), Dr. Newcomer was a founding executive of Vivius, a consumer directed venture that allowed consumers to create their own personalized health plans. From 1991 to 2000, Dr. Newcomer held a number of positions at UHG, including Chief Medical Officer. His work there emphasized the development of performance measures and incentives to improve clinical care. Prior to joining UHG, he was Medical Director for CIGNA Health Care of Kansas City. Dr. Newcomer is a board certified medical oncologist; he practiced medical oncology for nine years in Tulsa, Oklahoma and Minneapolis (Park Nicollet Clinic). He is currently the Chairman of Park Nicollet Health Services, an integrated system of over 650 physicians and a 400 bed hospital. The group is nationally recognized for its leadership in quality, safety and lean processes. Dr. Newcomer earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology from Nebraska Wesleyan University, an MD degree from the University Of Nebraska College Of Medicine, and an MS degree in health administration from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He completed his internship and residency in internal medicine from the University of Nebraska Hospital, and fellowships in medical oncology and administrative medicine from the Yale University School of Medicine and the University of Wisconsin at Madison, respectively.

Dr. Lawrence Bassett, MD

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Lawrence Bassett, Professor of Breast Imaging, Radiology Department, UCLA School of Medicine, Breast Imaging Section Chief (since 1976), Vice-Chair for Academic Affairs, Assistant Dean Student Affairs. Service activities for numerous scientific societies, including federal and state agencies. He has received 37 university/national honors/awards. Current focus: Breast Imaging Fellowships and Assessing and Improving Radiologists' mammography interpretive skills. Educational activities include student and CME Courses, editorial services to scientific publications. He has authored/co-authored 20 books, 166 research papers, 26 case reports, 84 invited articles, 60 chapters/monographs, 65 scientific exhibits, 119 presentations at Scientific Assemblies, invited speaker at 520 national/international educational assemblies.

Dr. Susan Beck, PhD, APRN, FAAN

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Susan Larsen Beck, PhD, APRN, FAAN, AOCN is a professor at the University of Utah College of Nursing and Carter Endowed Chair in Nursing. Dr. Beck's research includes the quality and outcomes of cancer care. Most recently her work has focused on testing tools to improve the measurement of quality of care related to pain management. Dr. Beck led the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) Quality Measures Project team. The team proposed a formal process for the development of quality measures sensitive to oncology nursing care and drafted a set of candidate performance measures for women with breast cancer receiving treatment.

Dr. Christopher R. Friese, RN, PhD, AOCN

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Christopher R. Friese is Assistant Professor at the University of Michigan School of Nursing. His inter-disciplinary research focuses on the quality of care for patients with cancer. He has conducted health services research in several settings, including surgical oncology, patients with febrile neutropenia, and hematological malignancies. He obtained his BSN, MS, and PhD from the University of Pennsylvania, and completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center. He received a Pathway to Independence Award from the National Institute of Nursing Research. He has practiced in hematologic malignancies/bone marrow transplant since 1997, and holds certification as an Advanced Oncology Nurse.

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Dr. Susan Goodin is Associate Director at The Cancer Institute of New Jersey and Professor of Medicine at UMDNJ–Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. After earning her doctorate in pharmacy from the University of Kentucky, she completed a Pharmacy Practice and an Oncology Pharmacy Residency at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. She is a Board Certified Oncology Pharmacist and a Fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy. She currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties. An active clinician, educator, and researcher, she has published 11 book chapters, 70 articles, and 52 abstracts.

Ms. Patricia K. Haugen

South Dakota Field Coordinator
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Pat Haugen, a twelve-year survivor of inflammatory breast cancer and NBCC Field Coordinator, has experience as a DOD BCRP consumer peer-reviewer, Integration Panel member, and ad hoc reviewer, as well as a consumer reviewer for the California BCRP. She serves on a local Community Cooperative Group IRB, and the NCI Adult Central IRB. She has served on NQF's Clinician-Level Cancer Care Measures Steering Committee and on NBCC's Measuring What Matters Project. Pat is retired from IBM and is on the board of a college, and a long-term care organization. She is a graduate of all three NBCC Project LEAD® courses.

Dr. Mary Maniscalco-Theberge, MD, FACS

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Mary E. Maniscalco-Theberge, MD, FACS is currently the Deputy Medical Inspector for Professional Services in the Office of the Medical Inspector at the Veterans Health Administration Central Office in Washington DC. She had served as the Senior Surgical Investigator in the same office. She retired from a successful career in the U.S. Army in 2006. She spent the last 16 years of her Army career at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, (WRAMC), on the teaching faculty of the General Surgery and Critical Care Medicine Services. As a surgeon, a teacher of surgeons, and an administrator, she was credited with making a major contribution to the lowest Died of Wounds rate in the history of modern warfare. She trained in General Surgery at Eisenhower Army Medical Center in Augusta Georgia; and Trauma and Critical Care Medicine at the Washington Hospital Center and WRAMC in Washington DC. She is active in many regional and national associations. She is currently the Vice-President of the Association of Women Surgeons' Metropolitan Washington Chapter. She is past President of the Metropolitan Washington Chapter of the American College of Surgeons (ACS). She is a surgical educator with the ACS and chairs "Surgeons as Educators: Principals and Practice" course annually at the ACS Clinical Congress.