

National Voluntary Consensus Standards for Patient Outcomes Cancer Technical Advisory Panel

Dr. Lee Newcomer, MD, MHA (Chair)

Senior Vice President, Oncology
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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

Professor
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

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

Professor and Carter Endowed Chair in Nursing
University of Utah College of Nursing/Huntsman Cancer Institute

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

Assistant Professor
University of Michigan School of Nursing

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.

Dr. Susan Goodin, PharmD, FCCP, BCOP

Associate Director, Clinical Trials and Therapeutics
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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
National Breast Cancer Coalition

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

Deputy Medical Investigator
Veterans Health Administration

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.

Dr. David Penson, MD, MPH

Director of the Center for Surgical Quality and Outcomes Research
Vanderbilt University Medical Center

David F. Penson, MD, MPH is a nationally known expert in the field of health services research as it related to urologic cancers. A board-certified urologist who trained at UCLA, he was also an RWJ Clinical Scholar at Yale University. He is now Professor of Urologic Surgery and Director of the Center for Surgical Quality and Outcomes Research at Vanderbilt University. He has served as the Chair of the American Urological Association's (AUA) Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Committee, is currently the AUA's Vice Chair of Health Policy and its representative to the NQF's Health Professionals Council.

Dr. Louis Potters, MD, FACP

Chairman, Department of Radiation Medicine
North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System

Louis Potters, MD, FACP was appointed Chairman of Radiation Medicine at North Shore University Hospital and LIJ Medical Center in 2007. Since 2006, he has also been an attending physician at Southside Hospital in Bay Shore. Dr. Potters is board-certified in internal medicine and radiation oncology and previously served as Associate Director of Radiation Oncology and Medical Director of the New York Prostate Institute. He was also Associate Professor of Radiation Oncology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and the first physician in Long Island to offer prostate brachytherapy. Dr. Potters is a member of the Board of Directors and Chair of the Health Policy Council for the American Society of Therapeutic Radiology. He has written over 60 peer reviewed articles on radiation oncology and has over 100 accepted abstracts. Dr. Potters received his medical degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark, New Jersey, and a Bachelor of Science degree from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Joe B. Putnam, MD, FACS

Professor & Chairman, Department of Thoracic Surgery
Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Dr. Putnam was appointed Professor and Chairman of the Department of Thoracic Surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center; Professor of Biomedical Informatics; and Program Director for the Residency Program in Thoracic Surgery. He is certified by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and member, Board of Governors of the ACS. He is Chairman, Thoracic Committee, American College of Surgeons Oncology Group. His clinical and research interests include multidisciplinary management of thoracic neoplasms; quality improvement processes in thoracic surgery; surgical education; and clinical trials design and conduct.

Dr. Larissa Temple, MD, MSc, FACS

Associate Attending Surgeon
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

Dr. Larissa Temple, an Associate Attending Surgeon in the Colorectal Service at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and an Associate Professor of Surgery at the Weill Medical College of Cornell. She is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, and the Royal College of Surgeons (Canada). She received her medical degree from the University of Calgary and an MSc in Clinical Epidemiology at the University of Toronto. Her two-year Surgical Oncology fellowship at MSKCC was followed by a fellowship in Colorectal Surgery at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital. Dr. Temple's clinical expertise includes cancers of the colon and rectum, with an emphasis on sphincter-preserving surgery including the implantation of artificial bowel sphincters. Her research focuses on patient-centered outcomes after sphincter-preserving surgery for rectal cancer and their role in medical decision-making and quality of life. In collaboration with colleagues in Urology, Gynecologic Oncology, Plastic Surgery, Orthopedics, and Psychiatry, she has supervised clinical research projects on quality of life of patients undergoing total pelvic exenteration, sacrectomy for advanced rectal cancer, and palliative therapy for unresectable metastatic disease. Dr. Temple developed the MSKCC Bowel Function Instrument, a validated, reliable and objective measure for assessment of bowel function following rectal cancer therapy, which will be used at several centers nationwide in the National Comprehensive Cancer Network study. She is currently developing an educational instrument to evaluate functional changes in colorectal cancer patients, and will be assessing its role as a preoperative decision aid. Her data has been published and presented nationally.

Dr. Bonnie Teschendorf, PhD, MHA

Director, Patient Reported Outcomes
Johnson & Johnson

Bonnie Teschendorf, PhD serves as Director of Patient Reported Outcomes for Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceuticals and is based at Centocor in Malvern, PA. She is engaged in work spanning both immunology and oncology for the B.I.O. Division. Prior to this appointment she held the position of Director of Quality of Life Science at the American Cancer Society. Her responsibilities included management of a Professional Advisory Panel of experts on Health-Related Quality of Life and design of QOL outcome goals for the Society. In addition, she co-authored a book on Pain with several other investigators, and a book on cancer caregiving. She represented the ACS as a panel participant in a publication for the Institute of Medicine on Cancer Survivorship. Her professional interests span a wide range of activity including measurement of health outcomes for cancer patients, evaluation of the perceptions and needs of patients' illness experiences, and qualitative research methodology. She is currently working on projects related to the development of disease-specific patient-reported outcome scales. Dr. Teschendorf gained valuable insights into oncology and patient perspectives during earlier appointments in outcomes research at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, and a faculty appointment in the graduate program in Physical Therapy at Columbia University. In addition to her current role she has had a long-term interest in learning styles and leadership in addition to a focus on aging, social support, and functional assessment. Dr. Teschendorf completed her doctoral work in the Sociomedical Science Division at the Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University.