



## **Patient Outcomes Child Health Steering Committee**

**Dr. Faye A. Gary, EdD, RN, FAAN**

Medical of Mutual of Ohio Professor in Nursing- Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing  
Case Western Reserve University

Dr. Faye A. Gary, EdD, RN, FAAN, is the Medical Mutual of Ohio Professor for Vulnerable and At-Risk Persons at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. For more than three decades, Dr. Gary has participated in research and practice in child and adolescent mental health care and substance abuse disorders prevention and treatment. She has provided services to runaway and homeless children, youth in juvenile detention centers, children with severe mental illnesses, and other vulnerable and at-risk individuals. She works with law enforcement, school districts, faith-based communities, universities, departments of public health, and others to improve the quality of life and opportunities for this vulnerable population.

**Dr. Nancy L. Fisher, MD, MPH**

Chief Medical Officer- Washington State Health Care Authority

Nancy L. Fisher, MD, MPH is the Medical Director for the Health Care Authority. She has board certification in pediatrics and clinical genetics. At the University of Washington, she is a Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics and active with the Institute for Public Health Genetics of the School of Public Health. Dr. Fisher founded the first genetics clinic in a Public Health Department, served on the 5-year planning committee for the National Human Genome Project, served nine years on the Secretary of Health (HHS) Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality, and previously was the Medical Director for Medicaid for the state of Washington.

**Ms. Lee Partridge**

Health Policy Advisor- National Partnership for Women & Families

Ms. Partridge is a senior health policy advisor at the National Partnership for Women and Families, where she specializes in performance measurement and quality improvement issues with special reference to lower income individuals and families. She has co-chaired several performance measurement committees of the National Quality Forum (NQF) and recently completed serving on its committee to evaluate a set of perinatal quality measures. She is a member of the NCQA Physicians Program Committee, and chairs the NCQA Medicaid Accreditation Advisory Committee. She is also a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics Medical Home Project Advisory Committee.

**Dr. Marina L. Weiss, PhD**

Senior Vice President for Public Policy and Government Affairs- March of Dimes

Marina L. Weiss, PhD, is Senior Vice President for Public Policy and Government Affairs of the March of Dimes Foundation. Dr. Weiss is a member of the Treasurer and Board member of the Coalition for Health Services Research; a founding Board member of Women in Health Policy; a policy adviser to the "Covering Kids and Families Project" of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; and a member of the Roosevelt Institution's National Advisory Board. She's served on technical advisory committees for the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Institute of Medicine, the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy for State Health Policy and the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). In addition, she was a founding member of the National Quality Forum Board of Directors.

**Dr. Ellen Schwalenstocker, PhD, MBA** Acting Vice President, Quality Advocacy and Measurement- National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions

Ellen Schwalenstocker, PhD, MBA, has longstanding experience in and a passion for improving children's health care. She has focused her efforts on children's health care quality as a staff member of the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions for 12 years and currently serves as Acting Vice President for Quality Advocacy and Measurement for the Association. She was a member of the Planning Committee for the National Quality Forum Workshop on Child Healthcare Quality. Dr. Schwalenstocker received her doctorate from the George Washington University, where her dissertation focused on patient/consumer use of information in making health care decisions.

**Dr. Allan S. Lieberthal, MD, FAAP** Chief of Pediatrics- Southern California Permanente Medical Group

Allan Lieberthal, MD, FAAP, practices general pediatrics and clinical pediatric pulmonology at Kaiser-Permanente in Panorama City where he was Chief of Pediatrics for 13 years. He was also Director of the Kaiser Permanente Southern California Cystic Fibrosis Center for 17 years. He is Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Southern California. Dr. Lieberthal a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics Steering Committee on Quality Improvement and its Measurement Interest Group. He chaired the AAP Sub-Committee on Guidelines for Bronchiolitis. He was co-chair of the AAP/AAFP Sub-committee on Guidelines for Acute Otitis Media and currently chairs the Sub-committee revising the AOM guidelines.

**Dr. Charles Homer, MD** President and Chief Executive Officer- NICHQ

Charles J. Homer, MD, MPH, is President and CEO of the National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality, an action oriented organization headquartered in Boston, MA exclusively dedicated to improving the quality of health care for children. He is an associate professor of the Department of Society, Human Development and Health at the Harvard University School of Public Health and an associate clinical professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School. He was a member of the third US Preventive Services Task Force from 2000-2002 and served as chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics Steering Committee on Quality Improvement and Management from 2001-2004. He obtained his bachelor's degree from Yale University, his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and a master's degree in public health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Dr. Phillip Kibort, MD, MBA** Vice President Medical Affairs- Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota

Phillip Kibort, MD, MBA, was VP of system advancement at Children's of Minnesota from 1996-2002. He became CMO and VP of Medical Affairs in 2002. Previously, Dr. Kibort was a pediatric gastroenterologist at Minnesota Gastroenterology. He has published on issues of management and quality in health care, and teaches on medical quality to health care providers at the University of St. Thomas in the Twin Cities. He graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School and completed his pediatric residency at the University of Minnesota Hospital followed by a Gastroenterology Fellowship at the University of California Los Angeles Medical Center.

**Dr. Kathy J. Jenkins, MD, MPH** Senior VP, Chief Patient Safety and Quality Officer, Senior Associate- Children's Hospital Boston

Since December, 2004, Kathy J. Jenkins, MD, MPH has served as the Director of the Program for Patient Safety and Quality and in 2009 Dr. Jenkins was appointed Senior Vice President and Chief Patient Safety and Quality Officer at Children's Hospital Boston. The Program for Patient Safety and Quality activities include assessment of hospital-wide clinical care activities, assessment of pediatric patient outcome measures, and design and implementation of quality improvement initiatives. Current programmatic activities include oversight and coordination of a multidisciplinary group of faculty and staff to facilitate regulatory compliance, assessment and benchmarking, peer review, and safety and quality initiatives.

**Ms. Jane Perkins, JD, MPH** Legal Director- National Health Law Program

Jane Perkins, JD, MPH, is the Legal Director at the National Health Law Program, a public interest law firm working on behalf of vulnerable people. Ms. Perkins focuses on public insurance, children's health, and disability and civil rights law. She engages in litigation and policy advocacy and has written numerous articles on these topics. Ms. Perkins is admitted to the state bars of California, Maryland (inactive), and North Carolina; seven of the federal circuit courts of appeal; and the U.S. Supreme Court.

**Dr. Sharron L. Docherty, PhD, CPNP  
(AC/PC)**

Associate Professor, Pediatric Acute/Chronic Care, Specialty Director- National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

Sharron L. Docherty, PhD, CPNP, is an associate professor and director of the pediatric acute/chronic care specialty at the Duke University School of Nursing. She practices as a pediatric nurse practitioner at Duke Children's Hospital. She has 25 years experience working with children with cancer and other life-limiting illnesses. Dr. Docherty's program of research is focused upon examining how life-sustaining treatment impacts the short- and long-term functioning of acute and chronically ill children and their families. She utilizes longitudinal and mixed method research methodologies to investigate the phenomena in this area and has been funded by NIH as a principal and co-investigator.

**Dr. Bonnie Zima, MD, MPH**

Professor, Associate Director- UCLA Dept of Psychiatry

Bonnie Zima, MD, MPH, is a child psychiatrist and health services researcher. She is Professor-in-Residence and Associate Director of the UCLA Health Services Research Center. Dr. Zima led the first statewide quality of care study for children in publicly-funded outpatient mental health programs, and was awarded AACAP's top scientific honor for the most significant research paper. She is Principal Investigator on an NIMH-funded study examining the quality of ADHD care for children in primary and specialty mental health care within a large Medicaid managed care program. Her earlier research is dedicated to improving access to mental health care for high risk children.

**Dr. David R. Clarke, MD**

Clinical Professor of Surgery- The Children's Hospital

Dedicating his extensive 30-year career to the care of infants and children with congenital heart disease, David R. Clarke, MD, currently serves as Clinical Professor of Surgery at the University of Colorado Denver. He played an integral role in the project that yielded the development of the Aristotle Complexity Score, a complexity-adjusted method to measure surgical performance in congenital heart surgery. He is a member of 17 national and international scientific organizations and associations. In addition, Dr. Clarke serves on the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) Congenital Heart Surgery Database Task Force and has chaired its Data Verification Subcommittee since 2004.

**Dr. Donna Persaud, MD**

Chief, Parkland Health & Hospital System, Associate Professor of Medicine- Parkland Health and Hospital System

Donna Persaud, MD, has established herself as a leader of chronic care delivery for children in community-based primary care. While her leadership spans all pediatric conditions, she has been most remarkable successful in implementing pediatric shared medical visits for children with asthma and their caregivers and obesity. Because of her pioneering efforts, she and the Parkland COPCs were the recipients of an Exxon Mobil grant further defining and expanding this model. That program targeted 6 elementary schools in the Dallas Independent School District, in especially high-risk populations of children from southeast Dallas beginning in 2005.

**Dr. Goutham Rao, MD**

Clinical Director, Associate Professor- University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Goutham Rao, MD, is a family physician with an interest and expertise in childhood obesity. He currently serves as the Clinical Director, Weight Management & Wellness Center, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and Associate Professor, Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He has conducted research and published in the areas of the office-based strategies for the management of obese adolescents, obesity and eating disorders, and a guide for parents for healthy children.

**Dr. Thomas McInerny, MD**

Associate Chair for Clinical Affairs, Dept. of Pediatrics- University of Rochester

Thomas McInerny, MD, is Professor of Pediatrics and Associate Chair of Clinical Affairs in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Rochester Medical Center. He is a graduate of Dartmouth and Harvard Medical schools and received his pediatric training at Cincinnati and Boston Children's Hospitals. Over the past 38 years he has authored or co-authored over 30 articles, and is Editor-in-Chief of the AAP's "Textbook of Pediatric Care" and "Pediatric Care Online. He has been a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics' Steering Committee on Quality Improvement and Management for three years.