



Patient Safety Standing Committee: Spring 2018 Cycle

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Ed Septimus, MD (Co-Chair)

Medical Director Infection Prevention and Epidemiology HCA and Professor of Internal Medicine
Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine, Hospital Corporation of America
Houston, TX

Dr. Septimus is board certified in Infectious Disease and Internal Medicine. Currently, Dr. Septimus is the medical director of infection prevention and epidemiology at Hospital Corporation of America (HCA). Since 2011, Dr. Septimus has served on the Healthcare-associated Infections/Preventable Adverse Events Advisory Board for the state of TX. He has co-chaired the NQF Infectious Diseases Steering Committee and has served on the NQF Patient Safety Maintenance Committee. Dr. Septimus holds faculty position at Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine and has published over 100 articles and chapters.

Iona Thraen, PhD, ACSW (Co-Chair)

Patient Safety Director, Utah Department of Health
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dr. Thraen has a PhD in medical informatics from the University of Utah, 30 hours of graduate credit in healthcare economics and a master's degree in social work. She combines technical content knowledge with process knowledge in her group interactions around common goals. Dr. Thraen specializes in collaborative interactions functioning at times as a decision support provider, a group facilitator, a process analyzer and an insight provider. Her performance in these varying roles are conducted on behalf of the common good and with the intent of achieving the stated goals.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jason Adelman, MD, MS

Chief Patient Safety Officer, Associate Chief Quality Officer, and Director of Patient Safety Research at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center
New York, NY

Dr. Adelman is Chief Patient Safety Officer, Associate Chief Quality Officer, and Director of Patient Safety Research at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center. Dr. Adelman has completed the National Patient Safety Foundation (NPSF) - Patient Safety Leadership Fellowship, and is faculty at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), and serves on the editorial board for the Journal for Healthcare Quality. As Director of the Columbia University Medical Center Patient Safety Research Program, Dr. Adelman is funded by the Agency for

Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to lead multiple research projects focused on Health IT Safety, Medication Safety, and General Patient Safety. Dr. Adelman received the Institute for Safe Medication Practice (ISMP) CHEERS Award for setting a standard of excellence in the prevention of medication errors, the Lorraine Tregde Patient Safety Leadership Award for taking extraordinary and innovative steps to improve patient safety, and was named one of Fifty Leading National Patient Safety Experts by Becker's Hospital Review in 2017.

Charlotte Alexander, MD

Orthopedic Hand Surgeon, Memorial Hermann Medical System
Houston, TX

Dr. Alexander is a board certified orthopedic hand surgeon and practice in Houston. Charlotte is an active member of the American Society of Surgery of the Hand and the American Society of Orthopedic Surgeons and volunteers at the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, where she operates and staffs the congenital hand clinics. She serves on the boards of the Memorial Hermann Health System and MHMD IPA.

Kimberly Applegate, MD, MS, FACR

Radiologist/Pediatric Radiologist & Director of Practice Quality Improvement in Radiology, Emory University
Atlanta, GA

Kimberly Applegate, MD, MS, FACR is a professor of radiology and pediatrics and director of practice quality improvement in radiology at Emory University in Atlanta. At Emory University, she chairs the Radiation Control Council, which reviews policy, clinical, and research activities involving the use of ionizing radiation. Kimberly is dedicated to service in organized radiology—she is the President of the Association for University Radiologists (AUR) Research and Education Foundation, Past President of the AUR, and served on multiple medical boards and editorial boards. Dr. Applegate has published over 140 peer-reviewed papers and book chapters, and presented scientific papers and lectures at medical and scientific assemblies around the world. In 2007, Dr. Applegate was elected to both the National Council for Radiation Protection and the Steering Committee of the American College of Radiology (ACR), and began work on the initial Steering Committee for the Image Gently Campaign to reduce radiation exposure in children. In 2010, Dr. Applegate co-edited the book “Evidence-Based Imaging in Pediatrics” to promote appropriate use of medical imaging in infants and children. Most recently, she has co-authored the ICRP Publication 121: Radiological Protection of Pediatric Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology and has long had an interest in the development of imaging guidelines, chairing this process for the ACR, and collaborating with the WHO and IAEA on international guideline development. Dr. Applegate is the ACR Vice Speaker and member of its Executive Committee.

Laura Ardizzone, BSN, MS, DNP, CRNA, ACNP

Director of Nurse Anesthesia Services, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
New York, NY

Laura L. Ardizzone is the director of Nurse Anesthesia Services at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. She also serves as adjunct clinical faculty at Columbia University School of Nursing. Her previous roles include Assistant Clinical Professor of Nursing and Director of Clinical Education at Columbia University School of Nursing. Laura is a graduate of the University of

Pennsylvania for her BSN and received her Master's and Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees from Columbia University. She also completed a post-doctoral clinical fellowship at Columbia University School of Nursing. Laura's research interests and publications include patient safety, patient hand hygiene and global health. She is currently overseeing a multi-site expansion project for delivering clinical anesthesia services.

Laura is a senior member of the advisory board of the Hillman Alumni Association, the President of the Columbia University School of Nursing Alumni Board and member of the advisory board for Advanced Practice Provider Executives. She is a new fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine. Laura serves on the editorial board for the International Student Journal of Nurse Anesthesia and has lectured nationally and internationally on a variety of patient safety and clinical anesthesia topics.

Richard Brilli, MD, FAAP, FCCM

John F. Wolfe Endowed Chair in Medical Leadership and Pediatric Quality and Safety

Chief Medical Officer - Nationwide Children's Hospital

Professor, Pediatrics - Pediatric Critical Care Medicine - Ohio State University College of Medicine
Columbus, OH

Dr. Brilli is Chief Medical Officer at Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH) and Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Critical Care Medicine, Department of Pediatrics at Ohio State University. He occupies the first NCH endowed chair for quality: "John F. Wolfe Endowed Chair in Medical Leadership and Pediatric Quality and Safety." He received the Master of Critical Care Medicine (MCCM) from the SCCM. Dr. Brilli's has authored more than 120 manuscripts, book chapters, and commentaries. His recent publications focus on improving outcomes using high reliability principals on topics such as safety, quality, hospital-acquired infection prevention, rapid response team implementation, and organizational safety culture. Dr. Brilli is Co-Chair of the Children's Hospital Association IPSO (Improving Pediatric Sepsis Outcomes) collaborative, which focuses on reducing mortality and morbidity by establishing high reliability practices for the care of children with Sepsis / Septic Shock. Dr. Brilli is a reviewer for multiple peer-reviewed journals and currently serves as the Section Editor on Quality and Safety for Pediatric Critical Care Medicine. He is Co-Editor-in-Chief of a quality journal dedicated solely to pediatrics: Pediatric Quality and Safety.

Curtis Collins, PharmD, MS

Specialty Pharmacist, Infectious Diseases, St. Joseph Mercy Health System
Ann Arbor, MI

Dr. Collins is currently an Infectious Diseases Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at St. Joseph Mercy Health System in Ann Arbor, MI. He has published extensively in the fields of infectious diseases pharmacotherapy, antimicrobial stewardship, and pharmacoeconomics. Dr. Collins is active in professional organizations such as the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists, and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). He previously served as Chair of ASHP's Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists and has served on the National Quality Forum's Infectious Diseases Endorsement Maintenance Project as well as the Surgery Endorsement Maintenance Project.

Christopher Cook, PharmD, PhD

Sr. Director, Strategic Business Development, bioMérieux
Raleigh-Durham, NC

Chris Cook, PharmD, PhD is Senior Director, Strategic Business Development at bioMérieux. His Pharmacy practice experience includes academia, clinician, health outcomes research and quality measurement. He is dedicated to improving and measuring systems of care delivery for patients to achieve high quality health outcomes. Dr. Cook served as a Professor of Pharmacy Administration at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy where his research focus was on patient adherence to National standards of care goals, medication compliance and patient education issues.

Melissa Danforth, BA

Senior Director of Hospital Ratings, The Leapfrog Group
Washington, DC

Missy started her health care career in Maine, where she managed significant special projects for a rural health care system. She joined Leapfrog in 2009, beginning as director of communications and advancing to senior director of hospital ratings. Working closely with Johns Hopkins scientists and our experts, she has emerged as one of the purchaser community's leading experts on hospital ratings.

Theresa Edelstein, MPH, LNHA

Vice President, New Jersey Hospital Association
Dallas, TX

Theresa Edelstein has served as the vice president of post-acute care policy at the NJ Hospital Association for the last 17 years. She has spent her entire career in the field of aging and disability services beginning at the Jewish Home & Hospital for Aged in NYC. She is a licensed nursing home administrator and has a firm grounding in quality measurement in LTC settings. During the last several years she has devoted a great deal of time to quality initiatives related to post-acute care, including pressure ulcer prevention, CAUTI, and end-of life/POLST. She is also a member of NJ's Medical Assistance Advisory Council and MLTSS Steering Committee, which monitor the transition to managed care for Medicaid-funded long-term services and supports.

Lillee Gelinas, MSN, RN, FAAN

System Vice President & Chief Nursing Officer, CHRISTUS Health
Dallas, TX

Lillee Gelinas is the System Vice President & Chief Nursing Officer for CHRISTUS Health. She is known as a patient safety leader and innovator in quality improvement. Ms. Gelinas has over 35 years' experience in healthcare executive leadership achieving improvement in clinical and economic performance through effective strategies, including enhanced leadership and safety culture. She is responsible for ensuring nursing and allied health care is delivered within the framework of evidence-based practice throughout the CHRISTUS continuum. Ms. Gelinas collaborates regional and system-wide senior inter-professional leaders and the board of trustees to achieve safety goals.

John James, PhD

Founder, Patient Safety America
Houston, TX

Dr. James is a patient safety activist, who founded Patient Safety America with the goal of educating the public on the dangers of American health care delivery. Dr. James has published two books on patient safety, and published the seminal article in the Journal of Patient Safety (2013) that redefined the extent of harm associated with hospital care. Dr. James has spoken to groups to include physicians, medical students, nurses, nursing students and educators, retiree groups, etc. and aims to represent the voice of an informed patient when it comes to patient safety and engagement.

Stephen Lawless, MD MBA, FAAP, FCCM

Senior Vice President Chief Clinical Officer, Nemours Childrens Health System
Hockessin, DE

Dr. Stephen Lawless, Senior Vice President and Chief Clinical Officer at Nemours Childrens Health System, is an international expert in the field of quality and safety. He is a professor of Pediatrics at Thomas Jefferson University. He oversees all areas of quality, safety, infection control, risk, Accreditation, credentials, research, academic affairs and human subjects' protection. He is an officer of Nemours that employs more than 7,000 employees, 700 physicians with more than 1.5 million patient encounters annually. Dr. Lawless is an accomplished author and reviewer and serves on multiple journal editorial boards, national safety groups, and state government appointed boards.

Lisa McGiffert

Project Director, Safe Patient Project, Consumers Union
Austin, TX

Lisa McGiffert directs the Safe Patient Project. This highly successful campaign has initiated infection-reporting legislation in almost every state, 27 of which and the District of Columbia now have passed into law; drafted model legislation; and raised public awareness on preventing medical harm. Lisa routinely speaks as the consumer voice on patient safety issues at conferences and with the media. She coordinates a network of local advocates who work together on patient safety issues. Lisa serves as the consumer liaison to the CDC Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee, and as consumer representative on the National Quality Forum Healthcare-associated Infections Steering Committee, the Texas Health Care Associated Infections Advisory Panel, and the California Department of Health Services Healthcare-associated Infections Advisory Working Group. For more than 20 years, as a Senior Policy Analyst for Consumers Union and as legislative coordinator for the Texas Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, Lisa has worked on a broad array of health care policy issues in Texas and nationally, including health care quality, health insurance, and access to care.

Susan Moffatt-Bruce, MD, PhD, MBA, FACS

Executive Director, Ohio State University's Wexner Medical Center
Washington, DC

Dr. Susan Moffatt-Bruce is the Executive Director of University Hospital at Ohio State University's Wexner Medical Center. In this role, Dr. Moffatt-Bruce is responsible for overseeing the quaternary medical facility that is the flagship institution for The Ohio State University Health System. She previously served as the inaugural Chief Quality and Patient Safety Officer for OSU. She is also a practicing cardiothoracic surgeon and a Professor of Surgery and Biomedical Informatics at the Ohio State University.

Patricia Quigley, PhD, MPH, ARNP, CRRN, FAAN, FAANP

Managing member of Patricia A. Quigley, Nurse Consultant, LLC
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dr. Quigley is grounded in practice, with legacy of leadership in healthcare outcomes related to functional improvement, rehabilitation outcomes, and continuum of care. She is both a Clinical Nurse Specialist and a Nurse Practitioner in Rehabilitation. For over 40 years, she has practiced in the field of rehabilitation nursing, 32.5 years with the Veterans Administration. She serves as patient safety expert for fall and injury reduction to multiple leading quality organizations. Additionally, she provides on going consultation to the nursing staff, quality management, and patient safety coordinators for management of complex patients at risk for falls. For over 20 years, Dr. Quigley led an interdisciplinary clinical team in the development of evidence-based assessment tools and clinical guidelines related to assessing veterans' risk for falls and fall-related injuries across multiple medical centers. Her contributions to patient safety, nursing and rehabilitation are evident at a national level – with emphasis on clinical practice innovations designed to promote elders' independence and safety. She has a track record of interdisciplinary research with health economists, epidemiologists, and statisticians for population-based outcomes research. Dr. Quigley has served as principal or co-investigator in 35 research studies, totaling over \$7.5 million. Also, Dr. Quigley has co-authored and served as associate director for 11 VISN 8 Patient Safety Center of Inquiry center grants from 1999-2016, totaling over \$13 million. She has authored, co-authored over 60 peer-reviewed manuscripts and over 50 non-peer reviewed manuscripts, book chapters, products and media works.

Michelle Schreiber, MD

SVP Clinical Transformation and Associate Chief Quality Officer, Henry Ford Health System
Detroit, MI

Dr. Schreiber is a physician with strong experience in clinical quality and safety, including past Chief Quality Officer of Detroit Medical Center, Chief Medical Officer of Trinity Health System, and current Chief Clinical Transformation Officer and Associate Chief Quality Officer of Henry Ford Health System. She has special interests in safety in multiple hospital settings and ambulatory systems, as well as improving quality and safety utilizing advanced electronic health record and data analytics systems.

Leslie Schultz, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, CPHQ

Director, Premier Safety Institute®, Premier, Inc.
Charlotte, NC

Leslie Schultz, PhD is a Director, clinical quality and patient safety, with the Premier Safety Institute®. Dr. Schultz is a nationally recognized expert in documenting and sharing reliable, evidence-based best practices among hospitals in the areas of clinical quality, mortality reduction, harm avoidance and patient safety. Dr. Schultz holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Alfred University, a Master of Science in Nursing Administration from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and a Ph.D. in Hospital and Health Administration from The University of Iowa College of Medicine. She is board certified in healthcare quality (CPHQ) and as a Nurse-Executive, Advanced (NEA-BC) and served on the NQF Steering Committee for the Framework for Public Reporting of Patient Safety Events Information project (2010) and currently serves on the NQF's Patient Safety Measures Standing Committee (2014-2019) and the Consensus Standards Approval Committee (CSAC).

Lynda Smirz, MD, MBA

Chief Medical Officer and Vice President of Quality, Universal Health Systems of Delaware
Philadelphia, PA

Lynda Smirz, MD, MBA was in private practice in Indianapolis with Women's Health Alliance for over twenty- five years. Dr. Smirz has a master's degree in organic chemistry from Purdue University and worked at Eli Lilly and Company in process research and development before returning to school to earn her medical degree from Indiana University School of medicine. She completed her OB/GYN residency at Indiana University Medical Center. She completed her MBA at Butler University College of Business Administration with highest honors in 2001. Dr. Smirz was the managing partner of Women's Health Alliance, a 12 Physician OB-GYN group for eight years. She was appointed Chief Medical Office of Clarian North Medical Center in May 2005 and VP of Surgical Services in 2009. In January 2013, Dr. Smirz joined Universal Health Services of Delaware as Chief Medical Officer and VP of Quality. In this role, she has responsibility for 26 acute care hospitals across the United States and now resides in Philadelphia PA. In her career, she specialized in postmenopausal health and female sexual dysfunction and sat on advisory boards for Eli Lilly, Warner Chilcote and Novo Nordisk pharmaceutical companies. She was the lead obstetrician for the Dilley sextuplet birth in 1993. Dr. Smirz was certified by the North American Menopause Society as a NAMS Menopause Practitioner at the October 2003 national meeting. She is also certified in Advanced Wilderness Life Support. She was active in Butler's College of Business as chairperson of the Board of Visitors for six years. She served on the Board of Directors for the Lugar Excellence in Public Service series. Dr. Smirz was an active member of the Carmel Chamber Board for six years and served as chair. She was appointed by Governor Mitch Daniels to the Indiana Medical Licensing Board for a four-year term in December 2009. Previously, Dr. Smirz also served on the board of St. Elizabeth-Seton, a not for profit organization serving and educating teenaged mothers.

Tracy Wang, MPH

Public Health Program Director, WellPoint, Inc.
Los Angeles, California

Tracy Wang is Public Health Program Director for WellPoint. She is responsible for directing member and community health programs that measure and improve patient safety plus member and state health indices. She works closely with WellPoint business units and collaborates with

industry leaders to advance healthcare initiatives including Patient Safety First. Tracy has fifteen years of experience in the managed care industry and served on the Patient Safety-Complications Endorsement Maintenance Steering Committee for the National Quality Forum. Her experience is complimented with a BS degree in Psychobiology and an MPH degree in Public Health from UCLA.

Kendall Webb, MD, FACEP

Chief Medical Information Officer, University of Florida Health Systems; Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine (EM) and Pediatric EM (PEM); Assistant Dean of Medical Informatics
University of Florida Health - Jacksonville (UFHJ)

Kendall Webb, MD, FACEP holds a BS in Computer Science in addition to her MD. She is board certified in EM and PEM. For the last three years, she has served UFHJ as CMIO. Her areas of expertise include full life-cycle development with implementation and optimization of software and systems applications - most recently electronic health record systems. She is particularly interested in process engineering, usability, patient safety, quality, effective communication, and resilience.

Albert Wu, MD MPH FACP

Internist and Professor of Health Policy and Management and Medicine, Johns Hopkins
Bloomberg School of Public Health
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Albert Wu is a practicing internist and Professor of Health Policy and Management and Medicine at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, director of the Center for Health Service and Outcomes Research, the PhD Program in Health Services Research and Policy, and the Masters of Applied Science in patient safety and healthcare quality. He leads the Center for Meaningful Measures at the Johns Hopkins Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality. He has studied patient safety since 1988, and has published over 400 papers and the recent book *New Horizons in Patient Safety: Understanding Communication*. He is editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Patient Safety and Risk Management*. He was a member of the IOM committee on preventing medication errors, and was Senior Adviser for Patient Safety to WHO.

Donald Yealy, MD, FACEP

Professor and Chair, University of Pittsburgh-Department of Emergency Medicine
Pittsburgh, PA

Dr. Yealy has led trials with over \$25 million of federal funding and authored over 300 manuscripts, texts, etc. He is a leader in hospital and health system quality efforts, optimal airway management in acute respiratory failure, predictive risk modeling in pneumonia, heart failure, pulmonary embolism and subsequent translation to practice. His expert input in sepsis influenced the most recent NQF 0-500 measure and CMS sepsis-1 quality efforts. Themes of his work include: How can we improve the assessment and treatment of acute illness. Dr. Yealy leads faculty delivering care to over 950,000 patients at UPMC and the University of Pittsburgh.

Yanling Yu, PhD

Physical Oceanographer and Patient Safety Advocate, Washington Advocate for Patient Safety
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Dr. Yanling Yu is a Physical Oceanographer and patient safety advocate. Before her retirement from University of Washington, she researched polar sea ice and their changes in response to climate change. However, her professional path took a sharp turn after her father tragically died due to preventable medical harm caused by the negligent use of an off-label medication. Now she is actively involved with various patient safety issues at the state and national levels. As a patient safety advocate, she promotes hospital care and medication safety, healthcare accountability and transparency, patient rights to informed consent and shared-decision making, as well as patient and family centered care. In 2011, she and her husband Rex Johnson worked with state legislators and got a medical board transparency bill passed in Washington State. She will continue to be the voice for patients and families including those who have no voices anymore.