



## Patient Safety Standing Committee, Fall 2019

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\*New Committee Appointments

### Committee Chairs

#### **Ed Septimus, MD**

Professor of Internal Medicine Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, and Senior Lecturer Department of Population Medicine, Harvard Medical School Boston, MA

Dr. Septimus is board certified in infectious disease and internal medicine. Dr. Septimus was vice president of research and infectious diseases at HCA Healthcare until 2017. Since 2011, Dr. Septimus has served on the Healthcare-associated Infections/Preventable Adverse Events Advisory Board for the state of Texas, and he is currently the chair. He has co-chaired the NQF Infectious Diseases Steering Committee and has served on the NQF Patient Safety Maintenance Committee and is a member of Consensus Standards Approval Committee (CSAC). Dr. Septimus holds faculty position at Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine and Harvard Medical School and has published over 100 articles and chapters.

#### **Iona Thraen, PhD, ACSW**

Patient Safety Director, Utah Hospital and Health Clinics Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Utah, School of Medicine, Department of Biomedical Informatics Salt Lake City, UT

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 Executive Director, Center for Patient Safety Research and Innovation 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 Executive Director of the Center for Patient Safety Research and Innovation, Dr. Adelman is funded by AHRQ and the NIH to lead multiple research projects focused on

health information technology 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 and 2018.

**Emily Aaronson, MD\***

Assistant Chief Quality Officer, Massachusetts General Hospital  
Boston, MA

Dr. Emily Aaronson is Assistant Chief Quality Officer at Massachusetts General Hospital, Assistant Professor at Harvard Medical School, and an attending physician in the Department of Emergency Medicine. She also serves as an Associate Medical Director for CRICO, the risk management foundation of the Harvard medical institutions. Prior to this, she was a resident in the Harvard Affiliated Emergency Medicine Residency, where she served as a chief resident. She completed a fellowship in patient safety and quality improvement and a master's in public health at the Harvard School of Public Health. Before medical school, Dr. Aaronson worked in healthcare consulting.

**Elissa Charbonneau, DO, MS\***

Chief Medical Officer, Encompass Health Corporation  
Birmingham, AL

Dr. Elissa Charbonneau was appointed Chief Medical Officer of Encompass Health in June 2015 after starting as Vice President of Medical Services. She is a board-certified physiatrist and holds an academic appointment at Tufts University, where she is associate professor of PM&R. In 2007 and 2012, she was named HealthSouth's Medical Director of the Year. She received her DO from the New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine, a master of epidemiology/natural sciences from SUNY Buffalo, and a bachelor of science in biology from Cornell University. She completed a residency in PM&R at Temple University/Moss Rehabilitation Hospital.

**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.

**Melissa Danforth, BA**

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

Missy started her healthcare career in Maine, where she managed significant special projects for a rural healthcare 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  
Princeton, NJ

Theresa Edelstein has served as the vice president of post-acute care policy at the NJ Hospital Association for the last 21 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 New Jersey's Medical Assistance Advisory Council and MLTSS Steering Committee, which monitor the transition to managed care for Medicaid-funded long-term services and supports.

**Terry Fairbanks, MD, MS, FACEP\***

Vice President, Quality & Safety, MedStar Health  
Washington, DC

Rollin J. "Terry" Fairbanks, MD, MS, FACEP is Vice President, Quality & Safety at MedStar Health, founding director of the National Center for Human Factors in Healthcare, professor of emergency medicine at Georgetown University, and emergency physician at MedStar Washington Hospital Center. He holds a master's degree in ISE/system safety engineering with a human factors engineering focus. He has published over 150 papers, served in formal safety advisory roles for the U.S., British, Spanish, and Australian governments, served on the NPSF board of advisors, and was listed in Becker's Top 50 Experts Leading the Field of Patient Safety.

**Lillee Gelinas, MSN, RN, FAAN**

Senior Fellow and Nurse Executive, SaferCare Texas, University of North Texas Health Science Center  
Fort Worth, TX

Lillee Gelinas is an accomplished healthcare leader with extensive experience in hospitals and healthcare system operations, including national and international organizations. A highly respected executive and administrator, she has led the development and implementation of numerous clinical and operational initiatives, through current state assessment, goal setting, decision making structure, process creation, and building the will for change across stakeholders. She is a Certified Professional in Patient Safety (CPPS), a credential which attests to professional competency in patient safety science and application.

**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 healthcare 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 he 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 Children's Health System  
Hockessin, DE

Dr. Stephen Lawless, Senior Vice President and Chief Clinical Officer at Nemours Children's 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, academic affairs, and human subjects' protection. He also serves on the Boards of Medical Licensure and Discipline and Health Information Network for the State of Delaware. Dr. Lawless is an accomplished author and reviewer and serves on multiple journal editorial boards and national safety groups.

**Lisa McGiffert, BA**

Patient Safety Action Network  
Austin, TX

Lisa McGiffert is a co-founder of the Patient Safety Action Network, a nonprofit coalition focused on and with patients to raise awareness and to create accountability and transparency for safer healthcare. She retired as the Director of the Consumer Reports Safe Patient Project in 2018. This national project covered state and federal policies to end medical harm. Beginning in 2003, she led a campaign that developed model legislation that initiated state laws to publish hospital infection rates and raise public awareness about the problem. This highly successful effort led most states and CMS to require infection reporting. Lisa McGiffert's other policy expertise includes physician accountability; antibiotic resistant infections and antibiotic overuse; and improving the safety of medical implants. For 15 years, the Safe Patient Project collaborated with individuals who have experienced medical harm and their loved ones to change policies to improve patient safety. This network of advocates continues their work through the Patient Safety Action Network.

Lisa McGiffert routinely speaks on patient safety issues at conferences and with the media. She lends her expertise on numerous state and national advisory committees. In 2015, she was listed on *Modern Healthcare's* 100 Most Influential People in HealthCare and was given the Ben Shimberg Award by the Citizens Advocacy Center for her work on physician accountability. In 2016, 2017, and 2018, she was named by Becker's Hospital Review as one of 50 experts leading the field of patient safety. In 2018, she was awarded the Lewis Blackman Patient Advocate award, the Peggy Lillis Foundation Advocate Award, and named a "Hero of the Week" by The Bleeding Edge documentary film. From 1991-2003, Lisa McGiffert directed advocacy for Consumers Reports on the full array of health issues in Texas including access to care, health system reform, health insurance, physician and hospital regulation, and measuring quality of care. Prior to joining Consumer Reports, Lisa was a Policy Analyst/Legislative Director for the Texas Senate Committee on Health and Human Services where, for seven years, she was actively involved in the development and implementation of state policies.

**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.

**Anne Myrka, RPh, MAT\***

Director, Drug Safety, Island Peer Review Organization (IPRO)  
Lake Success, NY

Anne Myrka is the Senior Director of Drug Safety in the Health Care Quality Improvement Program at IPRO, the Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) designated Quality Innovation Organization (QIO) for New York State, New Jersey, and Ohio. In this role she leads the CMS QIO program for the state of Ohio and is also the lead for patient safety and drug safety tasks across the three states such as reducing opioid-related adverse drug events (ADEs) and deaths, reducing ADEs due to anticoagulants, diabetes medications, antibiotics and antipsychotics, reducing hospitalizations and readmissions due to ADEs, and reducing C. difficile infections in the community and nursing homes. Activities pertinent to NQF measure projects include developing evaluation metrics and working closely with IPRO epidemiologists to define and create measure specifications aligned with CMS goals and deliverables. Previous projects included the development of a hybrid eCQM measure for CMS deliverable that used data derived from hospital electronic health records and Medicare claims to identify high-risk medication ADEs that resulted in readmissions.

**Jamie Roney, DNP, NPD-BC, CCRN-K\***

Covenant Health Texas Regional Research Coordinator, Covenant Health System  
Lubbock, TX

Ms. Roney is a nurse leader dedicated to patient safety and quality care. Her nursing career includes service to our country in the U.S. Army Reserves. Her nursing practice includes work in acute care settings in West Texas. She is active in local and national nursing organizations including the American Association of Critical Care Nurses and Sigma Theta Tau International. She has taught multiple continuing education programs on safety-related topics including CMS core measures, IHI bundles, and identification and management of the septic patient.

**David Seidenwurm, MD, FACR\***

Quality and Safety Director, Sutter Health  
Sacramento, CA

Dr. Seidenwurm is currently a neuroradiologist with Sutter Medical Group in Sacramento, CA. He is chair of the groupwide Quality Committee and the System Radiology Quality & Safety Medical Director. Previously, he had been a neuroradiologist at Radiological Associates of Sacramento since 1991, and past Chairman of the Diagnostic Radiology Division, comprised of 43 radiologists covering 5 hospital radiology departments and 12 independent imaging facilities. He has also been president of California Managed Imaging, a statewide diagnostic imaging network.

**Geeta Sood, MD, ScM\***

The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America  
Baltimore, MD

Dr. Geeta Sood is an infectious disease physician who completed her medical training at Temple University and her epidemiology training at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She has served as a hospital epidemiologist for 11 years. She was an active member of the SHEA Public Policy and Government Affairs (PPGA) Committee and currently serves on the SHEA Quality Metrics Task Force. She is a member of Maryland's Health Services Cost Review Commission's Performance Measurement Review Committee, which advises the state on the development and evaluation of quality metrics tied to hospital payment through Maryland's unique all-payer model.

**David Stockwell, MD, MBA**

Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Johns Hopkins University, SOM, Chief Medical Officer,  
Pascal Metrics, a Patient Safety Organization  
Charlotte, NC

Dr. Stockwell's research focuses on systematic, reliable identification of patient safety events, and he has authored numerous publications on this topic. He has served on several national efforts to advance quality and patient safety. Dr. Stockwell earned his MD from the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine and holds an MBA from the George Washington University. He is board certified in pediatrics and pediatric critical care.

**Tracy Wang, MPH**

Clinical Programs Director, Clinical Strategy, Anthem, Inc.  
Los Angeles, CA

Tracy Wang is Clinical Programs Director, Clinical Strategy, for Anthem, Inc. She is responsible for providing meaningful insights found through clinical data, market scans, and social dynamics to advance vital few programs and address social determinants of health, leveraging innovative tools to identify health needs by geography and prioritize opportunities for targeted intervention. She works closely with Anthem business units and collaborates with industry leaders to advance healthcare initiatives including Patient Safety First. She has over 20 years of experience in the managed care industry and is serving on the Patient Safety Standing Committee for the National Quality Forum. Her experience is complemented with a BS degree in psychobiology and an MPH degree in public health from UCLA.

**Kendall Webb, MD, FACEP, FAMIA**

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)  
Jacksonville, FL

Dr Webb holds a BS in computer science in addition to her MD. She is board certified in EM, PEM, and clinical informatics (CI). Since 2014, she has served UFHJ as CMIO. Her areas of expertise include full lifecycle development with implementation and optimization of software and systems applications—most recently electronic health record systems. She is particularly interested in machine learning and artificial intelligence, process engineering, usability, patient safety, quality, effective communication, and resilience.

**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 0500 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  
Seattle, WA

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.