



Patient Safety Measures Project Perinatal TAP

Dr. Steven L. Clark, MD (Chair)

Medical Director, Women & Newborns Clinical Services- Hospital Corporation of America

Dr. Steven Clark completed his undergraduate degree in Chemistry and MD from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. His residency was in OBGYN and Fellowship in Maternal Fetal Medicine from the University of Southern California. He is a Board certified and recertified in OBGYN and Maternal Fetal Medicine, and past president of the ACOG Technical Bulletin Committee. He has also served as past president for the Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine, and as an oral board examiner for the MFM boards. He has published over 200 scientific publications, served as a peer reviewer for 17 scientific journals, and has edited four text books, including Critical Care Obstetrics. He was a tenured full professor at the University of Utah Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology from 1990 to 2004, and currently serves as Medical Director, Women and Newborns Clinical Services, for the Hospital Corporation of America

Dr. Alan R. Fleischman, MD

Senior Vice President and Medical Director- March of Dimes - National Office

Alan R. Fleischman, M.D. is Senior Vice President and Medical Director of the March of Dimes Foundation, and Clinical Professor of Pediatrics and Clinical Professor of Epidemiology and Population Health at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York. Born in New York City, Dr. Fleischman was graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the City College of New York and Alpha Omega Alpha from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He continued his education in Pediatrics at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, and completed a Fellowship in Perinatal Physiology at the National Institutes of Health and through a Royal Society of Medicine Foundation Scholarship at Oxford University in England. He joined the faculty at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and the Montefiore Medical Center in 1975, where he became Professor of Pediatrics and Professor of Epidemiology and Social Medicine and served as Director of the Division of Neonatology until 1994. In 1994, he became Senior Vice President of the New York Academy of Medicine, where he catalyzed the Academy's growth into a research intensive institution in areas related to urban health, medical education, public policy, bioethics, and public health. In 2004, Dr. Fleischman became Ethics Advisor to the National Children's Study at the National Institutes of Health and was Chair of the Federal Advisory Committee to the Study from 2005-2010. In the academic area, he has published and lectured extensively in many areas of perinatal medicine and has been a pioneer in the field of bioethics, emphasizing the rights of individual patients and the responsibilities of health care professionals and organizations. This work has resulted in over one hundred fifty publications in peer reviewed journals and book chapters, including a book edited with Robert Cassidy, entitled "Pediatric Ethics--From Principles to Practice," published by Harwood Press. He was a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics Bioethics and AIDS Committees, a member of the National Human Research Protections Advisory Committee for the Office for Human Research Protections of the Department of Health and Human Services, an expert advisor to the Institute of Medicine's Committee on Ethical Conduct of Clinical Research Involving Children and a member of the National Research Council/Institute of Medicine Committee on Ethical Issues in Housing-Related Health Hazard Research Involving Children Youth, and Families. He was a founding member and is currently still a member of the New York State Governor's Task Force on Life and the Law, and a member of the DHHS Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections' Subcommittee on Research Involving Children.

Ms. Diana R. Jolles, CNM, MS

American College of Nurse-Midwives

For the last ten years, Diana Jolles has been working in the field of public health midwifery to lead and sustain innovative service delivery models for childbearing women in Texas, Colorado and the District of Columbia. Beginning ten years ago as a National Health Service Corp Scholar in South Texas, and continuing today, Ms. Jolles works to research and publicize the importance of family centered care, freestanding birth centers, group prenatal care, and routine home visitation programs on the Texas/Mexican border. Through the use of uniform data sets designed by the American Association of Birth Centers and the American College of Nurse Midwives, Jolles has led the implementation of routine data collection in three prominent midwifery services across the United States, assisting to provide data for quality improvement projects, research studies and perhaps most importantly policy work. As the General Director of the Family Health and Birth Center in Washington, D.C., Ms. Jolles worked to develop and community based electronic health record maximizing existent community networks and data collection systems. For the past six years, Diana Jolles has served on the National Advisory Council of Nurse Education and Practice (NACNEP) reporting to the Secretary of Health and Human Service and the U.S. Congress. Representing NACNEP, Jolles has lead initiatives relating to health reform, barriers to advanced practice, and access to care. Currently, Ms. Jolles is a full time Doctoral Student at Texas Women's University in Houston examining the feasibility of incorporating optimality indexes and uniform data sets into electronic health records as a path towards sustainable, high quality maternity services for the public health infrastructure of our nation.

Dr. Elliott K. Main, MD

Principal Investigator- California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative

Elliott Main, MD, has been the Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco since 1998. That department, with over 90 Ob/Gyn's and over 6,000 annual births is one of the largest in the US. Through his career, Dr. Main's clinical work and publications have focused on medical complications of pregnancy. His current research centers on outcomes-based quality improvement. Starting in 1997, he has also led OB Quality Improvement for all of Sutter Health's 20 hospitals and 40,000 births. Dr. Main was instrumental in developing Sutter Health's "First Pregnancy and Delivery" initiative, a large scale QI project focused on the care of nulliparous women. The program has identified key issues in the management of nullip labors that strongly impact birth outcomes. Dr. Main trained in obstetrics and gynecology at Washington University School of Medicine (St. Louis, Mo.) and in maternal-fetal medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He is a founding member of CPQCC (1996) and has been actively involved in multiple state and national committees on Maternal Quality. He is the Principal Investigator for CMQCC and Chairs the California Pregnancy-Related and Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review Committee (PAMR). Our goal is that the collaborative work we do in California to measure and improve maternal and neonatal outcomes will become a model for the entire United States.

Dr. Karen Peddicord, PhD

Director of Research, Education and Publications- Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses

Karen Peddicord is presently the Chief Executive Officer and the Vice President for Research, Education & Publications at The Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) in Washington, DC. In these positions, she has responsibility for the AWHONN organization and carrying out its mission to promote the health of women and newborns through the organization's 24,000 member nurses. She also participates in several of AWHONN's informatics liaison activities to include The Alliance for Nursing Informatics and The TIGER Initiative and participates in the organizations activities related to quality measurement, the National Quality Forum and Joint Commission. She spearheaded the development of a database presently utilized by obstetrical hospital sites across the country. The database measures quality elements, and provides decision support for obstetrical nurse leaders.

Prior to her position at AWHONN, she was the Clinical Administrator for Women's and Children's Services at Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis, MD from 1995-2003. In this position, Karen Peddicord grew the women's and children's service line from 2800 deliveries and a level II center to 4700 deliveries and a level III+ center and implemented a GE electronic medical system throughout all of women's services including the NICU. Prior to her staff appointment at AWHONN, Karen Peddicord has also taught at the University of Maryland, School of Nursing for the majority of her career, and received all three of her educational degrees from this same institution.

Dr. Laura E. Riley, MD

Medical Director, Labor & Delivery- Massachusetts General Hospital

Dr. Riley is a practicing maternal-fetal medicine specialist with expertise in infectious disease. She is also active in quality assurance as Medical Director of Labor and Delivery at Massachusetts General Hospital. She served as Chair of the Obstetric Practice Committee at ACOG as well as on the HIV Task Force, OB Clinical Document Review Panel and served as an editor of Guidelines for Perinatal Care 7th edition. In 2008, she served as co-chair of NQF's National Voluntary Consensus Standards for Perinatal Care Steering Committee.

Dr. Carol Sakala, MSPH, PhD

Director of Programs- Childbirth Connection

Carol Sakala, PhD, MSPH, is Director of Programs at Childbirth Connection, which works to improve maternity care quality through research, education, advocacy and policy. She is involved with clinical effectiveness activities, including systematic reviews, performance measurement, practice guidelines and informed decision-making. As Childbirth Connection's National Quality Forum liaison, she actively participates in NQF activities. She worked closely on NQF's Perinatal Care measure project with Childbirth Connection's Executive Director, Maureen Corry, who co-chaired the project Steering Committee. Childbirth Connection's direction-setting "Blueprint for Action" report (January 2010) focuses on performance measurement and other priority strategies for achieving a high-performing maternity care system.

