



Patient Safety Measures Steering Committee

Dr. William A. Conway, MD (Co-Chair)

Senior Vice President & Chief Quality Officer- Henry Ford Health System

William A. Conway, M.D. is the Senior Vice President and Chief Quality Officer for Henry Ford Health System and the Chief Medical Officer for Henry Ford Hospital. He has implemented processes that improved outcomes in critical care and postoperative settings and reduced hospital acquired infections making Henry Ford Health System one of the safest in Michigan. He received the 2006 Michigan Health and Hospital Association (MHA) Keystone Center Safety and Quality Leadership Award. Dr. Conway is a former president of the American Medical Group Association and co-founder of Group Practice Improvement Network and a board member of the MHA Patient Safety Organizational Advisory Board.

Ms. Lisa J. Thiemann, CRNA, MNA (Co-Chair)

Senior Director, Professional Practice
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Lisa J. Thiemann, CRNA, MNA serves as the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists' (AANA) Senior Director, Professional Practice and Chief Practice Officer. She has been in the nursing practice for 20 years, and specializes in nurse anesthesia, specifically pediatrics. She has undertaken numerous quality initiatives including serving as a member of the Surgical Care Improvement Project Technical Expert Panel, an American Medical Association- convened Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement anesthesiology workgroup, and several National Quality Forum Steering Committees.

Ms. Jan Allison, RN

Director of Quality and Accreditation- Surgical Care Affiliates

Wanda J. "Jan" Allison, RN, is Manager of Accreditation and Survey Readiness for Surgical Care Affiliates, which manages over 120 ASCs. With 25 years experience in the ASC setting, Jan's current responsibilities include supporting corporate-wide initiatives for quality improvement and preparing centers for survey success. In 2002, she authored a book on select accreditation standards and since then, has served as an expert speaker on numerous nationwide seminars and audio conferences on quality issues. She sits on The Joint Commission's Ambulatory Surgery Advisory Council and, in 2007, served on the NQF's Technical Advisory Panel for Ambulatory Surgery.

Mr. Robert Bunting, Jr., MSA, CPHRM, CPHQ, MT

Clinical Research Manager- WellPoint

Mr. Bunting currently serves as a clinical research manager for WellPoint's Programs in Clinical Excellence. In this capacity, he leads WellPoint's multidisciplinary Patient Safety Committee and is responsible for the oversight of activities such as persistent medication management and our approach to hospital-acquired conditions and never events. He was the primary author of WellPoint's Preventable Adverse Events White Paper, and serves as WellPoint's delegate to the safety and never events committees of the National Business Coalition on Health and the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association. Before joining WellPoint, Mr. Bunting served as the director of quality and risk management for Columbus Regional Healthcare System in Georgia where he was responsible for the development, measurement, and management of all system-wide quality improvement and risk management functions. During this period, Mr. Bunting taught a graduate course entitled "Risk Management in Health Service Delivery" at Columbus State University and served as the president of the Georgia Society for Healthcare Risk Management. Through his work with the American Society for Healthcare Risk Management, Mr. Bunting authored the first three editions of the Society's "A Study Guide for the Certified Professional in Healthcare Risk Management (CPHRM) Examination." Mr. Bunting also serves on the American Hospital Association Certification Center's CPHRM Certification Program Committee. He has co-authored "A Comprehensive Guide to Managing Never Events and Hospital-Acquired Conditions" and is pursuing his PhD in Business Administration.

Dr. Darrell A. Campbell, Jr., MD

Chief of Clinical Affairs- University of Michigan Hospitals & Health Centers

Dr. Campbell is an experienced transplant surgeon who has spent the past 10 years devoted to the subject of patient safety. He is the Chief of Clinical Affairs at the University of Michigan, has experience in evaluating patient safety metrics, and implementing safe practices. He has participated in many national safety related activities, and, with several colleagues, initiated the National Surgical Quality Improvement Program in the private sector 8 years ago. Dr. Campbell has co-chaired the NQF PeriOperative Measures Steering Committee and in 2007 received the John Eisenberg Award from NQF/JCO for contributions to the field of patient safety.

Dr. Steven L. Clark, MD

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. Cynthia de Luise, MPH, PhD

Director, Epidemiology- Pfizer

With over 2 decades of healthcare experience, both as an industry pharmacoepidemiologist in Pfizer's Safety division and provider of clinical care, I have acquired substantive content expertise in patient safety measures in multiple care settings (healthcare, regulatory, compliance, and research). In addition to strong clinical and regulatory knowledge, I have experienced with multiple national and international medical and regulatory coding conventions, and automated healthcare databases across North America and Europe. My education includes a PhD in Epidemiology from UMDNJ/Rutgers University, an MPH in Epidemiology from Columbia Mailman School of Public Health, and prior training and certification as a Physician Assistant.

Dr. Ellis R. Diamond, MD

Patient Safety Officer Tri-City Medical Center-Oceanside, CA
American Academy of Neurology

My interests stems from having ended a successful practice of clinical neurology and currently serving as a volunteer Patient Safety Officer at the District General Hospital where I practiced for 27 years. Since late 2005 I have worked with the independent medical staff as an intermediary with the hospital employees and administrators to bring the facility in line with the National Patient Safety Goals. Through this experience I have fully recognized how the Patient Safety effort could have greatly benefited me while in practice and how it will benefit those actively in practice now and in the future. Beginning in 2006 I became active in my professional organization, the American Academy of Neurology (AAN). I was fortunate to be given the opportunity first as a member of the Patient Safety Subcommittee (PSS), and since late 2006, as the co-chair of the PSS. The PSS has been active in a number of projects, including the collaboration with the AAN and the CDC on the 2009 H1N1 vaccine safety monitoring campaign. The AAN and CDC efforts are reaching neurologists nationwide as well as hospitalists, emergency physicians, aphaeresis professionals, and other health care professionals in the 10 CDC Emerging Infections Program (EIP) states to aid in reporting both vaccine-associated Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) (nationwide) and any new GBS cases, independent of vaccination status, to the VAERS in the 10 EIP states.

Dr. Donald Kennerly, MD, PhD

Vice President, Patient Safety and Chief Patient Safety Officer
Baylor Health Care System

Dr. Kennerly is the Chief Patient Safety Officer for the 14 Baylor Health Care System (BHCS) hospitals and HealthTexas Provider Network as well as Vice President of Patient Safety and the executive sponsor for goals in reducing inpatient mortality. From 2006 to 2008, BHCS risk-adjusted inpatient mortality declined by >20%. His recent research has focused on refinements and testing of trigger tools for use in detecting, characterizing, and reducing adverse events in primary and hospital-based care. Dr. Kennerly also chairs the Executive Committee of the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council's Data Initiative and serves on the National Priorities Partnership Patient Safety Group.

Dr. Clifton Knight, MD

Chief Medical Officer - Quality and Safety- Community Hospital of Indiana, Inc.

Dr. Knight is the Chief Medical Officer of the Community Health Network in Indianapolis, Indiana, a not-for-profit health system that includes 5 acute care hospitals as well as a full spectrum of ambulatory and home health services. In the role of CMO, Dr. Knight oversees quality, patient safety, medical staff services, academics, and risk management for the system. A past president of the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians, Dr. Knight serves on the American Academy of Family Physicians Commission on Quality and Practice. Dr. Knight is chair of the Indiana Medicaid Therapeutics Committee.

Dr. Kris V. Kowdley, MD, FACP, FAGG, FA

Director, Liver Center of Excellence, Digestive Disease Institute
Virginia Mason Medical Center

Kris V. Kowdley, MD, FACP, FAGG, FGAF, is the Director of the Liver Center of Excellence in the Digestive Disease Institute at Virginia Mason Medical Center, and Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Washington in Seattle. Dr. Kowdley received his BS in Biology and Anthropology at Columbia University, and his medical degree from Mount Sinai School of Medicine. He completed his internship and residency at Oregon Health Science University and a Fellowship in Gastroenterology and Hepatology at Tufts University School of Medicine. Dr. Kowdley is the author of over 300 articles, book chapters, reviews and commentaries.

Dr. Stephen T. Lawless, MD, MBA

Vice President Quality and Safety- Nemours Foundation

Stephen T. Lawless, MD, MBA earned his MD from Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and a MBA from Wharton. He is a Pediatric Critical Care Physician and Professor of Pediatrics at Thomas Jefferson University. As Vice-President of Quality and Safety for Nemours he provides oversight of quality, safety, risk management, infection control, and peer review

Mr. Alan Levine

Chairman, Advocacy and Policy Committee, CAPS- Consumers Advancing Patient Safety

Alan Levine has worked for the Office of Inspector General (OIG), Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), where one of his major responsibilities was to coordinate a \$3 million Congressional mandated initiative on medical errors. Also, for many years he represented OIG on the Public Health Service Interagency Council on Quality Assurance, and on the Executive Committee of the National Practitioner Data Bank. He currently volunteers for three patient advocacy organizations: Public Citizen Health Research Group; Consumers Union; Consumers Advancing Patient Safety. His work at these organizations has encompassed the following a variety of patient safety issues including medical malpractice, Medicare quality improvement organizations, health care associated infections, state medical licensing boards, patient engagement, and medical resident work hours.

Dr. Stephen E. Muething, MD

Assistant Vice President, Patient Safety- Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

Dr. Stephen Muething is Assistant Vice-President of Patient Safety at Cincinnati Children's. He has led efforts to continuously improve Patient Safety outcomes with particular focus on high reliability organization theory. He also served as an advisor to several national and regional collaboratives. Dr. Muething is a pediatric hospitalist at Cincinnati Children's and Associate Professor at the University of Cincinnati. He completed undergraduate training at the University of Notre Dame. He graduated from Dr Brent James' Advanced Training Program and Advanced Improvement Methodology at Cincinnati Children's. He is a frequent guest lecturer and advisor for organizations focused on improving Patient Safety.

Dr. Janet Nagamine, MD, RN

Fellow- Society of Hospital Medicine

Dr. Nagamine is Chair of the Society of Hospital Medicine (SHM) Quality and Patient Safety Committee, a Fellow in Hospital Medicine, and a recipient of the 2002 SHM Award for Clinical Excellence. She serves on the editorial panels for the Joint Commission Journal of Quality and Safety and the Journal of Hospital Medicine. She served on the National Quality Forum (NQF) TAP for Hospital Care Patient Safety Standards in 2007-2008. Dr. Nagamine is a part-time Hospitalist at Kaiser Permanente and also consults with hospitals on national Patient Safety initiatives related to teamwork, communication, quality improvement, and implementation of best practices.

Dr. Paul Nagy, PhD

Director, Quality and Informatics Research- University of Maryland School of Medicine

Paul Nagy, PhD, is an associate professor and director of quality/informatics research at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. He leads the radiology department's clinical and educational efforts in quality and studies IT utilization to measure and improve health care quality. In 2006 he collected a hospital-wide Lean/Six Sigma initiative and constructed the online hospital score carding system. He serves on the American College of Radiology (ACR) quality metrics committee, the UnitedHealthCare radiology performance steering committee, and advises the ACR on the General Radiology Improvement Database (GRID). He has published more than 40 peer reviewed articles over the past decade.

Dr. David P. Nau, PhD, RPh, CPHQ

Senior Director, Research and Practice Improvement- Pharmacy Quality Alliance

Dr. David Nau is Senior Director for Research & Performance Measurement at PQA (a pharmacy quality alliance). Prior to joining PQA, he held tenured faculty appointments at the University of Michigan and University of Kentucky, and also served as Manager of Research Strategies for Humana Pharmacy Solutions. Dr. Nau received his B.S. in Pharmacy from Ohio Northern University and an M.S. in Pharmacy Administration from the University of Toledo. Dr. Nau completed a pharmacy residency program at The Toledo Hospital and a specialized residency in hospital pharmacy management at Shands Hospital at the University of Florida. He also worked in community pharmacy and hospital pharmacy management before receiving a Ph.D. from the University of Florida in 1997. Dr. Nau's work has focused on the improvement of medication-use within the healthcare system, and he is one of the few pharmacists to hold the designation of Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ). His work has included evaluating the quality and safety of medication-use for patients with chronic diseases, the establishment of pharmacy-based disease management programs, and the development of quality improvement systems for pharmacy services. He has conducted research on the causes and consequences of medication non-adherence and he helped to develop methodological standards for medication-adherence research for the International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research. Dr. Nau has authored over 40 publications and is a frequently invited speaker on issues related to quality assessment and research methods.

Dr. Paul R. Sierzenski, MD

Director, Emergency, Trauma and Critical Care Ultrasound
Christiana Care Health System

Paul R. Sierzenski, MD, RDMS attended Temple University in Philadelphia, PA on a full academic scholarship from 1988-1992, graduating Magna Cum Laude with a BS in Biology. He graduated Temple Medical School in 1996 and completed his residency in Emergency Medicine at Christiana Care Health System, in Newark Delaware where he served as Chief Resident in 1999.

Following his residency, Paul was only the second emergency physician in the United States to complete an Emergency Ultrasound Fellowship at the Advocate health System/Christ Hospital in Illinois. During his residency and fellowship Dr. Sierzenski pioneered several applications of ultrasound in the emergency medicine, trauma and critical care, including vascular, ocular, and procedural ultrasound. His focus was on reducing time to diagnose critical disease states and reducing performance variability. Paul is a diplomat of the American Board of Emergency Medicine, certified as a Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer, and is a Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians and the American Academy of Emergency Physicians.

In 2000 Dr. Sierzenski returned to Christiana Care Health System where he now services at the Director of Emergency, Trauma and Critical Care Ultrasound, the Director of the Emergency Ultrasound Fellowship and lead research faculty for the Department of Emergency Medicine. In 2002, Dr. Sierzenski Co-Founded Emergency Ultrasound Consultants, LLC (EUC), a national leader in point-of-care ultrasound education and quality assurance solutions, encompassing over 25 board-certified and fellowship trained physicians nationally certified in ultrasound.

Dr. Sierzenski has lectured nationally and internationally on topics of emergency and bedside ultrasound, imaging, stroke, and quality measures. He has authored over 50 peer-reviewed papers, abstracts and texts on topics in ultrasound, imaging and diagnostic efficiencies. While authoring many of the national policies on the use of ultrasound in acute care, Dr. Sierzenski has served as the Chair of the Ultrasound Section for the Society of Academic Emergency Medicine, and the Ultrasound Section for the American College of Emergency Physicians. He is currently a member of the Quality Performance Committee (QPC) and the Federal Government Affairs Committee (FGA) for ACEP. He has served on the National Quality Forum Steering Committee for the First Outpatient Imaging Efficiency Measures and has unique expertise in clinical ultrasound.

Recently, Dr. Sierzenski has represented ACEP on several committees and inter-specialty conferences respective to aspects of healthcare reform respective to Emergency Medicine and Acute Care within the United States. Dr. Sierzenski is a voting member of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Medical Evidence Development Clinical Advisory Committee CMS-MedCAC.

Dr. Daniel Solomon, MD

Physician, Chair of the Department of Rheumatology- Brigham and Women's Hospital

Dr. Solomon is an expert in rheumatic disease epidemiology with a focus on drug safety and cardiovascular outcomes. He also has significant interest and experience in quality measurement and measure development. He has demonstrated expertise in all of these areas with grants, papers, and lectures. He serves in leadership roles at the Brigham and Women's Hospital and relevant professional societies.

Ms. Iona Thraen, MSW

Patient Safety Director- Utah Department of Health

Iona received her Bachelor's Degree in psychology from Creighton University in 1973 and a Masters Degree in Social Work from the University of Nebraska in 1979. She is in the data collection stage of a doctorate degree in Social Work and Medical Informatics with the University of Utah. Iona works as the Patient Safety Director for the Utah Department of Health (UDOH) and functions as an industry liaison, conducts data analysis, writes administrative rules, writes grants for project funding, provides staff support for multiple patient safety users groups and provides leadership to UDOH in Patient Safety.

Dr. David E. Turner, MD, PhD, MPH

Department of Occupational Medicine- Monsanto

Dr. David E. Turner, MD, PhD, MPH has a lead role in the development and implementation of a global health strategy, incorporating health promotion and preventive outcomes as well as community outreach efforts targeting quality for Monsanto. From March 2001 to May 2007 he served as Regional Medical Director for the Olin Corporation; in this position he instituted quarterly self-audits of key performance parameters and use of patient satisfaction surveys for continuous quality improvement. Previously, he has worked at the University of Pennsylvania and was a Resident at Occupational Medicine Medical College of Wisconsin.