



## Surgery Standing Committee: Spring 2018 Cycle

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

#### **Lee Fleisher, MD**

Professor and Chair of Anesthesiology, University of Pennsylvania/American Society of Anesthesiologists  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dr. Lee A. Fleisher is the Robert D. Dripps Professor and Chair of Anesthesiology and Critical Care at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. His research focuses on perioperative cardiovascular risk assessment and reduction and measurement of quality of care and received numerous federal, industry and foundation grants related to these subjects. Dr. Fleisher has published more than 225 articles, chapters, books, and abstracts. He is a member of the CSAC, Administrative Board of the Council of Academic Specialties of the AAMC and the Institute of Medicine.

#### **William Gunnar, MD, JD**

Director, National Surgery Program Office, Veterans Health Administration  
Washington, DC

On November 23, 2008, William Gunnar, M.D., J.D., was appointed to the position of National Director of Surgery, Veterans Health Administration (VHA). He has operational oversight for 132 VHA Surgical Programs performing 400,000 surgical procedures annually, authority for VHA surgical services policy and the VA Surgical Quality Improvement Program (VASQIP). Dr. Gunnar has the following degrees: BA/MS (Northwestern, 1979), MD (Northwestern, 1983) and JD (Loyola Chicago, 2006). He is certified by the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Thoracic Surgery, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and appointed Clinical Professor of Surgery, George Washington University.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

#### **Karl Bilimoria, MD, MS**

John B. Murphy Professor of Surgery; Vice President - Quality, Northwestern Medicine; Director, Surgical Outcomes & Quality Improvement Center (SOQIC); Vice Chair for Quality, Department of Surgery, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University  
Chicago, Illinois

Dr. Bilimoria is a surgical oncologist and quality improvement researcher. He is the Director of the Surgical Outcomes and Quality Improvement Center (SOQIC), the John B. Murphy Professor of Surgery, and the Vice Chair for Quality. Dr. Bilimoria's research focuses on improving healthcare

quality measurement and delivery. He is the Director of the Illinois Surgical Quality Improvement Collaborative (ISQIC). He has published more than 250 scientific articles with multiple recent studies in JAMA and the New England Journal of Medicine. He was recently listed by Becker's as one of the "Top 50 Experts Leading the Field of Patient Safety."

### **Robert Cima, MD, MA**

Professor of Surgery, Mayo Clinic  
Rochester, Minnesota

Dr. Robert Cima is a Professor of Surgery and Consultant in Colon and Rectal Surgery at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester. Dr. Cima serves as the Vice-chairman of the Surgical and Procedural Committee that oversees the daily function and growth of the entire Mayo Clinic surgical practice. He leads the surgical quality and safety subcommittee that monitors, reports and coordinates practice improvement. Dr. Cima also head up the national surgical quality measures compliance and reporting unit. This provides Dr. Cima with in-depth knowledge of how surgical measures are implemented, monitored, and reported in a diverse and complex surgical practice.

### **Richard Dutton, MD, MBA**

Chief Quality Officer, United States Anesthesia Partners  
Park Ridge, Illinois

Richard P. Dutton earned his B.A. from Harvard University in 1983, his M.D. from Tufts University School of Medicine in 1987, and an M.B.A. at the University of Maryland in 2001. He completed residency in anesthesiology at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston in 1991 and then served as an attending anesthesiologist at the National Naval Medical Center. In 1994, Dr. Dutton joined the Faculty at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center of the University of Maryland, where he served as Director of Trauma Anesthesiology and Director of Clinical Operations. Dr. Dutton was promoted to the rank of Professor in 2009. In 2009 Dr. Dutton founded the American Society of Anesthesiologist's Anesthesia Quality Institute, and launched the National Anesthesia Clinical Outcomes Registry. In 2015, Dr. Dutton left the ASA to become the first Chief Quality Officer for United States Anesthesia Partners.

### **Elisabeth Erikson, MD, MPH**

Interim Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Geisel School of Medicine  
Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center  
Manchester, New Hampshire

Dr. Elisabeth Erikson is a practicing surgeon with a busy practice in the field of female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery. With Dr. Erikson's clinical practice, she performs over 100 gynecologic surgeries annually. At Yale New Haven Hospital, Dr. Erikson served as the chair of the gynecology quality committee from 2011 to 2012 and currently serves on local hospital quality committees. Dr. Erikson currently works as academic faculty at The Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth as both a practicing gynecologist and at The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy & Clinical Practice.

### **Frederick Grover, MD**

Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery, University of Colorado School of Medicine  
Aurora, Colorado

Dr. Frederick L. Grover is a Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Past Chair of the Department of Surgery at the University of Colorado. From 1991 to 2003, Dr. Grover was Professor and Head of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center and Chief of Surgical Services at the Denver Veterans Affairs Medical Center. He belongs to numerous professional organizations, actively serving in organizational leadership and committee activities, including but not limited to, a term as President of The Society of Thoracic Surgeons, a term on the NQF Board of Directors and on the United Network for Organ Sharing Board of Directors. Dr. Grover has authored or co-authored 296 scientific papers, many of which are in the area of utilizing surgical databases for quality improvement, and he is an advocate for physician involvement in quality improvement and healthcare policy development.

### **John Handy, MD**

Thoracic Surgeon, American College of Chest Physicians  
Portland, Oregon

Dr. John Handy's professional evolution over 3 decades includes general surgery, cardiothoracic surgery, transplantation and specialized thoracic surgery. He established programs where none previously existed (lung/heart-lung transplant, thoracic oncology, thoracic surgery) or took over programs which were in trouble (VA cardiac surgery). Thus, early in his career he developed interest in defining, implementing and monitoring quality in clinical care. As a program director, one has responsibility for understanding and stewardship of cost of care. Further, colleagues must be converted to the cause. His scope has steadily grown from institution, to state and now a broad region of the United States. NQF participation is a natural progression.

### **Mark Jarrett, MD, MBA**

**Chief Quality Officer, Associate Chief Medical Officer, North Shore-LIJ Health System**  
*Great Neck, New York*

Dr. Mark Jarrett is currently Chief Quality Officer for the North Shore-LIJ Health System. He also serves as Associate Chief medical officer for the System. He previously served as Chief Medical Officer and DIO at Staten Island University Hospital as well as Director of Rheumatology at SIUH for 27 years. He was senior and founding partner of a Rheumatology practice for 30 years. Dr. Jarrett is Professor of Medicine at the Hofstra North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine. He has extensive research experience, and has been published on the subject of the immune response in systemic lupus erythematosus. He is board certified in internal medicine, rheumatology, and geriatrics, a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and the American College of Rheumatology.

### **Clifford Ko, MD, MS, MSHS, FACS**

Director, Division of Research and Optimal Patient Care, American College of Surgeons/Professor of Surgery, Department of Surgery, UCLA School of Medicine, American College of Surgeons/UCLA School of Medicine  
Chicago, Illinois

Dr. Clifford Ko is the Director of the Division of Research and Optimal Patient Care at ACS. He oversees all the quality improvement programs, including the Bariatric Surgery Accreditation Program, the Cancer Accreditation program, the Trauma Verification program, the Surgeon Specific Registry, and ACS NSQIP. Clinically, he is a double board-certified surgeon with a practice

focusing on patients with colorectal cancer. At UCLA, he is Professor of Surgery, and professor of health services at the UCLA School of Public Health. Dr. Ko has published over 275 manuscripts and is recognized as one of the Best Doctors in America.

#### **Barbara Levy, MD, FACOG, FACS**

Vice President, Health Policy, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
Washington, DC

Dr. Barbara Levy has over 25 years of experience with direct surgical and primary care, research, and training. She oversees ACOG's Office of Global Women's Health programs, the Voluntary Review of Quality of Care, Safety Certification for Outpatient Practice Excellence for Women's Health, American Indian/Alaska Native Health Program, Health Economics, Strategic Health Care Initiatives department and programs for Maternal Mortality and Fetal & Infant Mortality. Prior to ACOG, Dr. Levy was in private practice and medical director of Women's Health and Breast Center and Women's and Children's Services for the Franciscan Health System in Tacoma, WA."

#### **Barry Markman, MD**

Senior Medical Director Medicaid, Aetna  
Las Vegas, Nevada

Dr. Barry Markman graduated Union College, Summa Cum Laude-Economics, and continued at NYU Medical School graduating AOA. After training at UT Southwestern, he obtained Board Certification in General / Plastic Surgery. In 18 years of private practice Dr. Markman performed a significant number of reconstructive/cosmetic procedures and served as an adjuvant clinical professor at University of Nevada and Touro Medical School. His research experience includes being a lead principal investigator for multiple National IRB oversight clinical trials regarding saline/silicone breast implants. National speaking forums and publications were focused on Adipose tissue anatomy/physiology, Liposuction, Hair transplantation, and Silicone Mastopathy. Multiple Intellectual Property patents have been acquired in the fields of Hair Transplantation devices, Biologic tissue grafts, and Vehicle Technology. His MBA and Paralegal Certificate were acquired at UNLV.

Dr. Markman is currently a Senior Medicaid Medical Director for Aetna primarily supporting the Special Investigative Unit. His past responsibilities as a Medical Director included utilization review and case management. During his tenure in managed care, he have developed several surgical quality platforms, as well as, collaborating on Med Tech policies.

#### **Lawrence Moss, MD**

Surgeon-in-Chief, Nationwide Children's Hospital  
Columbus, Ohio

R. Lawrence Moss serves as Surgeon-in-Chief at Nationwide Children's Hospital and Boles Professor of Surgery at The Ohio State University. Dr. Moss' led the first multi-center randomized trial in children's surgery. This study, assessing surgical outcomes for necrotizing enterocolitis was published in NEJM. He is a founding member of the Executive Steering Committee of the American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program-Pediatric. He served as director of Surgical Quality for Yale-New Haven Hospital. He is the Chair of the Surgical Section of the AAP and member of the American College of Surgeons Children's Surgery

Verification Committee.

### **Amy Moyer**

Manager of Value Measurement, The Alliance  
Fitchburg, Wisconsin

Amy Moyer is the Manager of Value Measurement for The Alliance, a not for profit cooperative of employers whose mission is to move health care forward by controlling costs, improving quality and engaging individuals in their health. The Alliance represents 180 employers who provide health benefits to 80,000 citizens in Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa. Prior to joining The Alliance Ms. Moyer served as the Quality Program administrator for a health plan and facilitated the integration of evidence into order sets and plans of care at an academic medical center.

### **Keith Olsen, PharmD, FCCP, FCCM**

Professor and Dean, College of Pharmacy, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences  
Omaha, Nebraska

Dr. Olsen is a Professor of Pharmacy and Chair, Department of Pharmacy Practice and a Critical Care/Surgery Specialist at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. He has published over 275 peer-reviewed publications, abstracts, and book chapters in critical care and infectious diseases. He was one of the lead authors on the ASHP/IDSA/SHEA/SIS joint Antimicrobial Prophylaxis Guidelines, served the NQF, and CMS on intensive care eMeasures, and was on the Surgical Care Improvement Project (SCIP) since its inception. He also serves as the Chair of the Guideline Committee for the Society of Critical Care Medicine. Dr. Olsen offers to the NQF a unique blend of patient care experience, guideline and quality measures development, and administrative perspective.

### **Lynn Reede, DNP, MBA, CRNA**

Senior Director, Professional Practice, American Association of Nurse Anesthetists  
Park Ridge, Illinois

Dr. Lynn Reede has been a certified registered nurse anesthetist for more than 30 years in roles that include clinician, educator and facility leadership. Lynn is currently the Senior Director of Professional Practice with the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists. She leads the member and staff teams responsible for development and reassessment of resources for anesthesia practice focused on population health, improved patient outcomes and value based care working with the patient and interprofessional team.

### **Christopher Saigal, MD, MPH**

Professor, UCLA  
Los Angeles, California

Dr. Christopher Saigal is a Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Urology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. An R-01-funded health services researcher, Dr. Saigal currently is supported as PI for over \$6 million in NIH grant funding. His research focuses on the nexus of quality of care, access to care, and practice pattern trends in urology. His clinical focus is in urologic oncology, and he practices at both the Westwood and Santa Monica UCLA campuses. Dr. Saigal was an AUA Gallagher Health Policy Scholar and is very active on many AUA health policy and quality committees.

### **Salvatore T. Scali, MD**

Assistant Professor of Vascular Surgery, University of Florida-Gainesville  
Gainesville, Florida

Salvatore T. Scali, M.D., F.A.C.S., R.P.V.I. practices at both Shands Hospital- University of Florida, Gainesville, FL and the Malcolm Randall V.A. Medical Center. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from University of New Hampshire and completed medical school at Georgetown University. He completed both a general surgery and vascular surgery fellowship at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA and the Harvard-Longwood Vascular Research Program, Boston, MA and he also went on and trained at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH. Dr. Scali is active in the Vascular Quality Initiative and the Society for Vascular Surgery PSO. He has focused his career on clinical outcomes research within the field of Vascular Surgery. A variety of clinical topics in modern vascular practice have captured his interest, including thoracic outlet syndrome, inguinal arterial reconstruction, carotid stenting, and complex aneurysm disease.

### **Allan Siperstein, MD**

Chairman Endocrine Surgery, Cleveland Clinic  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dr. Allan Siperstein is the Chair of Endocrine Surgery at the Cleveland Clinic. He is Program Director for the General Surgery Residency, Endocrine Surgery Fellowship and co-directs the Surgical Outcomes Fellowship. MD was obtained at the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School at Dallas and general surgery residency/endocrine surgery training at UCSF. Since 1999 he has been a staff member at the Cleveland Clinic. He has had a long interest in quality and patient safety. He has experience in improving compliance with the Surgical Care Improvement Project Measures and is Physician Champion for the National Surgical Quality Improvement Program.

### **Joshua D. Stein, MD, MS**

Associate Professor, University of Michigan, Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences,  
Department of Health Management & Policy, Director, Center for Eye Policy and Innovation  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dr. Stein is a board-certified ophthalmologist and fellowship-trained glaucoma specialist with 10 years of experience caring for patients with ocular diseases. In addition, he is a health services researcher who has published extensively on topics including eye service utilization, safety and outcomes of ocular surgical procedures, costs of eye care, quality of life of patients with ocular diseases and the cost-effectiveness of different interventions for glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, and macular degeneration. His training includes a master's degree in Evaluative Clinical Sciences from Dartmouth College and a Health Policy fellowship at the Center for Healthcare Research and Transformation.

### **Larissa Temple, MD**

Colorectal Service, Department of Surgery, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center  
New York, New York

Dr. Larissa Temple is a colorectal surgeon at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. She is an Associate Professor of Surgery and Director of the colorectal survivorship clinic. Dr. Temple is funded and published extensively in outcomes including patient decision making, patient

satisfaction, practice variation and quality of life. Dr. Temple is an active member of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons and Co-Chairs the Quality and Safety Committee.

### **Melissa Thomason, MS, PMP**

Patient/Family Advisor, Vidant Health  
Pinetops, North Carolina

At just twenty-eight years old and as a first-time-mom-to-be, Melissa Thomason, a former public school teacher, suffered a Type I aortic dissection in October 2008. Melissa survived her first open-heart surgery that day and two more in the year that followed. She was diagnosed with a rare connective tissue disorder, Loeys Dietz Syndrome, that same year. After discovering that no one on her healthcare team had even heard of LDS, the passionate teacher very quickly became her own best advocate and a champion for Patient Engagement. Today, Melissa works to inspire others to believe in the transformational power of Patient Engagement. She serves as a Patient and Family Advisor for Vidant Health System in Eastern North Carolina, chairs East Carolina Heart Institute's Patient Advisory Council, and sits on NCIOM's Patient and Family Engagement Taskforce. She has shared her story with hundreds of healthcare workers and has finally "found purpose in all of the pain." She lives in Eastern North Carolina with her husband, Will, and her now-five-year-old son, Nate.

### **Barbee Whitaker, PhD**

Director, American Association of Blood Banks  
Bethesda, Maryland

Dr. Whitaker is Director of the Department of Research for AABB. She is also the Director of the AABB Center for Patient Safety, which has been designated an official patient safety organization by the United States government. She is responsible for AABB's hemovigilance activities in coordination with hospitals, blood centers and the federal government. Dr. Whitaker is responsible for the AABB Blood Survey of collection, utilization, and patient blood management. She served as the coordinator of the AABB Interorganizational Task Force on Biovigilance, representing both public and private sectors. She coordinates the blood transfusion section of the World Health Association's Notify Library, a searchable compendium of adverse events associated with Medical Products of Human Origin. Prior to joining AABB in 2005, she directed standards and certification activities at the Plasma Protein Therapeutics Association and was the National Officer of Quality Assessment for American Red Cross Blood Services. She graduated from Princeton University with a degree in biology and from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, with a doctorate in behavioral and neural science.

### **A.J. Yates, MD**

Associate Professor and Vice Chairman for Quality Management, Department of Orthopedic Surgery, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dr. Yates is a graduate of Harvard College, and completed his doctor of medicine, internship, and residency at Johns Hopkins. He is an Associate Professor and Vice-Chairman for Quality

Management for the University Of Pittsburgh Department Of Orthopaedic Surgery. He is the Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery at UPMC-Shadyside. Dr. Yates serves on the Surgical Committee for the National Quality Forum as well as CMS technical expert panels for Hospitalcompare.gov and Physiciancompare.gov. He chairs the AAHKS EBM committee and has helped AAOS prepare several national clinical guidelines. His research interests include interventions for osteoarthritis and performance measures.