



## Surgery Standing Committee Measure Endorsement Project

NQF is currently seeking to fill gaps for the Surgery Project in areas of cardiothoracic/cardiovascular, neurology, and pediatric surgery specialties. [Submit a nomination](#) by May 11, 2016, or contact the surgery team [surgery@qualityforum.org](mailto:surgery@qualityforum.org) with questions.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

Professor of Surgery, Mayo Clinic

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

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**

Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center

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.

### **Lee Fleisher, MD (Co-Chair)**

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

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.

### **Frederick Grover, MD**

Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery, University of Colorado School of Medicine

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.

### **William Gunnar, MD, JD (Co-Chair)**

Director, National Surgery Program Office, Veterans Health Administration

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.

### **John Handy, MD**

Thoracic Surgeon, American College of Chest Physicians

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

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

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

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

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.

### **Kelsey McCarty, MS, MBA**

Senior Manager, Quality and Safety Program, Department of Anesthesia, Massachusetts General Hospital

Kelsey McCarty is head of the Quality and Safety Program in the Department of Anesthesia at Massachusetts General Hospital. With previous experience in cancer research at Georgetown University, consulting in hospital risk management, and an MBA from the MIT Sloan School of Management, Kelsey was recruited to Mass General to help drive high quality, high efficiency care. To this aim, Kelsey founded and Co-Chairs the Quality and Safety Improvement Committee dedicated to perioperative process improvement, she is developing a novel clinician performance measurement dashboard, and she leads multiple perioperative care re-engineering and quality improvement initiatives across the hospital.

### **Lawrence Moss, MD**

Surgeon-in-Chief, Nationwide Children's Hospital

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

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

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.

**Collette Pitzen, RN, BSN, CPHQ**

Clinical Measure Developer, MN Community Measurement

Collette Pitzen works with clinical measure development at MN Community Measurement, a non-profit organization whose mission is to accelerate the improvement of health by publically reporting health care information. She has over 30 years' experience in a variety of health care settings with a significant portion devoted to quality improvement, measure design and reporting. Measurement development work at MNCM has included measures in the following areas: depression, spine surgery, total knee replacement, readmission, care coordination, prevention and cancer. She is passionate about developing and implementing measures that address gaps in patient health outcomes.

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

Senior Director, Professional Practice, American Association of Nurse Anesthetists

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

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.

**Allan Siperstein, MD**

Chairman Endocrine Surgery, Cleveland Clinic

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.

### **Larissa Temple, MD**

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

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

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.

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

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

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.