

National Consensus Development and Strategic Planning for Health Care Quality Measurement

Endorsement and Maintenance (E&M) Initial Recognition and Management Roster

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Introduction

Battelle conducts the Endorsement and Maintenance (E&M) process biannually in the fall and spring to review and make endorsement decisions on submitted measures.

We organize measures undergoing endorsement review into five projects: Primary Prevention; Initial Recognition and Management; Management of Acute Events, Chronic Disease, Surgery, and Behavioral Health; Advanced Illness and Post-Acute Care; and Cost and Efficiency.

Project committees have an Advisory Group (35-40 people) and a Recommendation Group (20-25 people). The Advisory Group provides feedback and questions about the measures under review, and then the Recommendation Group renders final endorsement decisions.

Committee members serve a 3-year term and spend time on both the Advisory Group and Recommendation Group throughout their tenure.

The Advisory and Recommendation Group assignments in this roster apply to the Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 cycles.

Please note, only individual members—and not organizational members—serve on E&M projects. Individual members represent their own perspective and experience.

Nominees provide their biographies. Battelle uses artificial intelligence (AI) to edit them, and staff review the final versions. Battelle edits biographies only for typographical and grammatical accuracy and to ensure they remain under the 250-character limit.

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Fall 2026-Spring 2027 E&M Initial Recognition and Management Advisory Group Members

- [Scientific Methods Panel](#) (SMP) Member

[Stephanie Abbott](#)
[Hadeel Alkhairw](#)
[Matt Austin](#)
[Ella Balasa](#)
[Tom Banks](#)
[Kimberly Becher](#)
[Carl Donovan](#)
[Eman Gibson](#)
[Sharon Gilliam](#)
[Elizabeth Goldstein](#)
[Vaishnavi Gudupalli](#)
[Ryan Hampton](#)
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[Richa Jain](#)
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Fall 2026-Spring 2027 E&M Initial Recognition and Management
Recommendation Group Members

- Scientific Methods Panel Member
* Committee Co-Chair

Hillary Alycon
Jennifer Bailit
Jacqueline Blauvelt
Jill Blazier
Nicole Cable
Emily Calvert
David Chand

Carrie Davis
Karen Fernandes
April Harris
Joseph Hayes
Sonali Iyer
Rebecca Jones
Kamyar Kalantar-Zadeh

Precious McCowan
Cindi McElhaney
Denise Morse
Vanita Pindolia
Darryl Roberts
Patrick Romano •
Eric Weinhandl

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- [SMP](#) Member

Name (Last, First)	Roster Category	Advisory or Recommendation Group	Term Period	Location (City, State)	Biography
Abbott, Stephanie	Patient Advocate	Advisory	10/2025-9/2028	Seminole, FL	Stephanie Abbott is president and chief experience officer at Hxology. A cancer survivor and former executive at Adventist Health, HCA Healthcare, and Intermountain Health, she focuses on patient-centered care and health care transformation. Stephanie Abbott is a patient advocate.
Alkhairw, Hadeel	Other Interested Party	Advisory	10/2025-9/2028	White Plains, NY	Hadeel Alkhairw is a primary care physician, quality professional, and internal medicine faculty member. She has held clinical leadership roles and focuses on health care quality, patient safety, and health care analytics.
Alycon, Hillary	Facility/Institution	Recommendation	10/2025-9/2028	Glens Falls, NY	Hillary Alycon is associate vice president of quality management and infection prevention at Glens Falls Hospital. She has over 15 years of experience leading quality, safety, and infection prevention initiatives across health care systems.
Austin, Matt	Researcher	Advisory	10/2025-9/2028	Baltimore, MD	Matt Austin is an associate professor at Johns Hopkins University and principal faculty at the Armstrong Institute. His research focuses on health care performance measurement, transparency, disparities, and the diagnostic performance of hospitals.
Bailit, Jennifer	Other Interested Party	Recommendation	10/2024-9/2027	Cleveland, OH	Jennifer Bailit is a maternal-fetal medicine specialist whose research focuses on improving quality of care and outcomes for obstetric patients and newborns. Her work addresses obstetric complications, health system factors, and maternal substance use disorder.
Balasa, Ella	Patient Advocate	Advisory	10/2026-9/2029	Richmond, VA	Ella Balasa lives with cystic fibrosis and uses personal health care experience to advance patient empowerment, research, and health care strategy. Ella Balasa is a patient advocate.
Banks, Tom	Population Health Expert	Advisory	10/2025-9/2028	Bronx, NY	Tom Banks has over 7 years of experience addressing care gaps for vulnerable populations. He uses lived experience to promote health equity, support quality improvement, and reduce disparities in health care outcomes.

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Becher, Kimberly	Clinician	Advisory	10/2026-9/2029	Clay, WV	Kimberly Becher is chief medical officer at Community Care of West Virginia and a family physician in Clay, West Virginia, focused on health care quality and social drivers of health.
Blauvelt, Jacqueline	Facility/Institution	Recommendation	10/2024-9/2027	Edison, NJ	Jacqueline Blauvelt is a nurse and director of patient safety and quality at Hackensack Meridian Health. She has over 17 years of experience and focuses on intensive care, quality initiatives, and data-driven improvements to advance patient safety and health care quality.
Blazier, Jill	Population Health Expert	Recommendation	10/2025-9/2028	Tok, AK	Jill Blazier has over 26 years of experience in health care quality, patient safety, and nursing leadership, with a focus on obstetrics. At Intermountain Health, she leads quality initiatives, measure implementation, and data-driven improvement efforts.
Cable, Nicole	Patient Advocate	Recommendation	10/2024-9/2027	Miramar, FL	Nicole Cable is founder of IGNITE HX and a leader in patient and human experience. Inspired by personal health care experience, she pioneered Offices of Human Experience and has contributed to health care, business, and customer experience leadership. Nicole Cable is a patient advocate.
Calvert, Emily	Other Interested Party	Recommendation	10/2024-9/2027	Linthicum, MD	Emily Calvert is a master's-prepared nurse with over 9 years of experience in quality improvement and patient safety. As project manager of quality and measurement at the American Urological Association, she oversees quality measure development for the Association's Quality Registry.
Chand, David	Purchaser/Plan	Recommendation	10/2024-9/2027	Fairlawn, OH	David Chand is senior medical director of clinical quality at Aetna Medical Affairs. He supports clinical quality measurement across all business lines and previously served as medical director for Kentucky Medicaid and Ohio Medicare-Medicaid plans.
Davis, Carrie	Clinician	Recommendation	10/2025-9/2028	Corbin, KY	Carrie Davis is a sepsis coordinator with over 14 years of emergency nursing and 12 years as a paramedic. She leads sepsis care quality initiatives, addresses SEP-1 compliance, and her program earned the 2025 Kentucky Hospital Association Quality Award.
Donovan, Carl	Patient or Caregiver	Advisory	10/2025-9/2028	Houston, TX	Carl Donovan is a patient partner.
Fernandes, Karen	Patient or Caregiver	Recommendation	10/2024-9/2027	Dallas, TX	Karen Fernandes is a patient partner.
Gibson, Eman	Facility/Institution	Advisory	10/2026-9/2029	Newark, NJ	Eman Gibson is chief clinical officer with 14 years of behavioral health experience progressing from counselor to executive, with expertise in evidence-based guidelines.

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Gilliam, Sharon	Facility/Institution	Advisory	10/2026-9/2029	Smyrna, TN	Sharon Gilliam is director of patient safety and quality and has over 17 years of health care experience, including 10 years in quality, patient safety, and risk management.
Goldstein, Elizabeth	Facility/Institution	Advisory	10/2026-9/2029	Fresh Meadows, NY	Elizabeth Goldstein is medical director at CVS and has over 20 years of clinical experience in medical management and clinical quality initiatives.
Gudupalli, Vaishnavi	Facility/Institution	Advisory	10/2026-9/2029	Chesapeake, VA	Vaishnavi Gudupalli works in health care quality improvement and has a multidisciplinary background in pharmacy, health informatics, and computer science.
Hampton, Ryan	Facility/Institution	Advisory	10/2025-9/2028	Greenville, MI	Ryan Hampton is system director of quality at Corewell Health, leading care excellence initiatives across Michigan. He focuses on data analytics, quality strategy, and improving performance across the care continuum.
Harris, April	Patient or Caregiver	Recommendation	10/2024-9/2027	Indianapolis, IN	April Harris is a patient partner.
Hayes, Joseph	Population Health Expert	Recommendation	10/2025-9/2028	Lake Park, GA	Joseph Hayes is an internal medicine physician, educator, and health care executive. As designated institutional official at South Georgia Medical Center Health and associate campus dean at Mercer, he leads medical education and workforce development in rural Georgia.
Holden, Erin	Facility/Institution	Advisory	10/2025-9/2028	Ridge Park, IL	Erin Holden is senior director of quality and risk with 3 years of experience in data analysis, quality management, and process improvement. She leads compliance, risk mitigation, and patient safety initiatives to drive system-wide care improvements.
Ingber, Hannah	Researcher	Advisory	10/2025-9/2028	Silver Spring, MD	Hannah Ingber is a program officer at the National Academy of Medicine, managing the Value Incentives and Systems Action Collaborative. She brings expertise in quality measurement, risk adjustment, and diagnostic excellence from prior leadership at the National Quality Forum.
Irelan, Lindsey	Other Interested Party	Advisory	10/2025-9/2028	Phoenix, AZ	Lindsey Irelan is a quality improvement professional with over 10 years of experience in data analytics. She collaborates with Medicaid agencies and partners to improve health care quality and patient satisfaction for vulnerable populations.
Iyer, Sonali	Clinician	Recommendation	10/2024-9/2027	Orange, CA	Sonali Iyer is an associate clinical professor at the University of California, Irvine and medical director of the Sepsis Task Force. She leads sepsis quality initiatives, develops educational resources, and improves care quality through system-wide efforts.

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Jain, Richa	Clinician	Advisory	10/2026-9/2029	Memphis, TN	Richa Jain is a pathologist and has over 15 years of experience practicing at an urban hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, serving populations affected by social drivers of health.
Jones, Rebecca	Other Interested Party	Recommendation	10/2024-9/2027	Siloam Springs, AR	Rebecca Jones is a registered nurse with over 25 years of experience in clinical practice, education, quality improvement, and patient safety. She focuses on improving health outcomes and reducing harm through quality and safety initiatives in health care.
Kalantar-Zadeh, Kamyar	Clinician	Recommendation	10/2024-9/2027	Palos Verdes, CA	Kamyar Kalantar-Zadeh is chief of nephrology, hypertension, and transplantation at Harbor–University of California, Los Angeles Medical Center and president of the National Forum of End-Stage Renal Disease Networks. He oversees quality and safety in national end-stage renal disease programs and contributes health equity expertise.
Killian, Blynda	Patient Advocate	Advisory	10/2026-9/2029	Sacramento, CA	Blynda Killian is president of the Cyclic Vomiting Syndrome Association and has over 10 years of nonprofit leadership and hospital advisory experience improving care. Blynda Killian is a patient advocate.
Koshy, Bindhu	Clinician	Advisory	10/2026-9/2029	Tomball, TX	Bindhu Koshy is vice president of quality, infection prevention, patient safety, and regulatory compliance and has over 15 years of experience as a nurse executive and quality leader.
Love, Tammy	Other Interested Party	Advisory	10/2025-9/2028	Burlington, KY	Tammy Love is a nurse consultant with over 25 years of experience in clinical care, quality, patient safety, and informatics. She has led quality programs and now consults on electronic health record optimization and health information technology.
Madarász, Laura	Researcher	Advisory	10/2025-9/2028	Fort Washington, MD	Laura Madarász is a research manager at Inova Health System with 15 years of health care experience. She focuses on clinical research operations, protocol design, and inclusive enrollment; leads research teams; and advances equity in health care.
Marks, Chandra	Patient Advocate	Advisory	10/2026-9/2029	Church Point, LA	Chandra Marks works in rural health and has over 8 years of interdisciplinary experience addressing mental health challenges in underserved communities. Chandra Marks is a patient advocate.

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McCowan, Precious	Patient or Caregiver	Recommendation	10/2025-9/2028	Lancaster, TX	Precious McCowan is a mentor with over 15 years of experience managing kidney disease, including dialysis and transplants. She serves on national committees and advances patient-centered care and equity in kidney health and transplant policy. Precious McCowan is a patient partner.
McElhane, Cindi	Researcher	Recommendation	10/2024-9/2027	Portland, OR	Cindi McElhane manages the measurement and reporting analytics team at Comagine Health. She has nearly 30 years of experience in claims data analysis and focuses on accurate, relevant measurement and reporting for diverse stakeholders.
McFadden, Rhelinda	Population Health Expert	Advisory	10/2025-9/2028	Lonoke, AR	Rhelinda McFadden is a health care leader with over 30 years of experience in practice transformation, health information technology, and quality improvement. She supports Arkansas providers in value-based care, electronic health record optimization, and equitable, data-driven care.
Milam, Adam	Population Health Expert	Advisory	10/2025-9/2028	Phoenix, AZ	Adam Milam is a professor and leader in anesthesiology and quantitative health sciences at Mayo Clinic. His work focuses on health equity and epidemiology, and he chairs the Health Equity Subcommittee and serves in national medical societies.
Morehead, Carmen	Population Health Expert	Advisory	10/2025-9/2028	Mobile, AL	Carmen Morehead is a quality and performance improvement manager with 11 years of clinical experience in critical and acute care. She focuses on evidence-based practice, health equity, and advancing performance improvement initiatives.
Morse, Denise	Other Interested Party	Recommendation	10/2024-9/2027	Duarte, CA	Denise Morse is director of quality and value analytics at City of Hope. She has over 15 years of experience in quality, measure development, and analytics and leads metric development and analysis to improve cancer care and patient-centered outcomes.
Pina, Ileana	Clinician	Advisory	10/2026-9/2029	Cleveland Heights, OH	Ileana Pina is a leading figure in cardiovascular research and policy, known for her impactful dedication to the field. This dedication is highlighted by her service on the boards of directors for major organizations, including the American Heart Association (AHA) and as a reviewer for the Federal Drug Administration.
Pindolia, Vanita	Purchaser/Plan	Recommendation	10/2025-9/2028	Northville, MI	Vanita Pindolia is an executive at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan with 32 years of experience in clinical care, academia, and leadership. She oversees the Medicare Advantage Stars program, leading quality, pharmacy, and outcomes across multiple states.

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Porembka, Jessica	Clinician	Advisory	10/2026-9/2029	Dallas, TX	Jessica Porembka is associate professor of radiology and vice chair of strategy and quality at UT Southwestern and has over 10 years of experience in breast imaging.
Powell, Sharon	Patient or Caregiver	Advisory	10/2025-9/2028	Richton Park, IL	Sharon Powell has lived experience as a caregiver for her parents and sister. Her health history and caregiving role inform her perspective on health care quality and patient experience.
Pronovost, Peter •	Facility/Institution	Advisory	10/2026-9/2029	Shaker Heights, OH	Peter Pronovost is a physician executive, critical care physician, and researcher with over 1,200 peer-reviewed publications focused on patient safety and health care improvement.
Proudfit, Christine	Clinician	Advisory	10/2026-9/2029	Chagrin Falls, OH	Christine Proudfit is maternal-fetal medicine physician and perinatal quality and safety officer and has over 15 years of experience leading maternal quality initiatives.
Ramanan, Harshitha	Population Health Expert	Advisory	10/2025-9/2028	Austin, TX	Harshitha Ramanan is a medical student with over 7 years of health care experience across clinical research, health equity, and quality improvement. She focuses on improving access and outcomes for underserved communities through data-driven care.
Roberts, Darryl	Researcher	Recommendation	10/2024-9/2027	Windsor Mill, MD	Darryl Roberts is vice president for health informatics solutions at RELI Group. He is a registered nurse with over 25 years of experience leading research in public health, quality measures, and artificial intelligence and machine learning.
Romano, Patrick •	Researcher	Recommendation	10/2024-9/2027	Sacramento, CA	Patrick Romano is a physician-epidemiologist and health services researcher at University of California, Davis who develops and validates health care quality measures, improves care effectiveness, and advances patient safety. He has over 230 publications.
Scott, Lisa	Population Health Expert	Advisory	10/2025-9/2028	Fountain Inn, SC	Lisa Scott is quality improvement manager at the Colorectal Cancer Prevention Network, University of South Carolina, leading data-driven quality improvement and statewide colorectal cancer screening initiatives.
Seidenwurm, David	Facility/Institution	Advisory	10/2025-9/2028	Sacramento, CA	David Seidenwurm is a neuroradiologist with Sutter Medical Group. He leads quality initiatives, manages value-based health plans, and represents the American College of Radiology in national measure development projects.
Simons, Sharrie	Other Interested Party	Advisory	10/2026-9/2029	Hopkins, NC	Sharrie Simons is director of billing and coding education and has over 19 years of experience in billing, coding, auditing, compliance, and education.

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Slocum, Chloe	Population Health Expert	Advisory	10/2026-9/2029	Charlestown, MA	Chloe Slocum is a physical medicine and rehabilitation physician and family caregiver and has over 14 years of clinical experience with national work in quality improvement.
Subramani, Aarthi	Clinician	Advisory	10/2025-9/2028	Shoreline, WA	Aarthi Subramani is a board-certified pediatric hospitalist and director of quality. She leads clinical care improvement and patient safety initiatives, teaches at University of Washington, and is completing a master's in health care quality and safety.
Thriffley, Phoebe	Other Interested Party	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Pass Christian, Mississippi	Phoebe Thriffley brings extensive operational experience across health care, from med-surg units to the ED and corporate change. She embraces innovation, understands financial challenges, and is dedicated to driving positive patient outcomes.
Tierney, Samantha	Researcher	Advisory	10/2026-9/2029	Philadelphia, PA	Samantha Tierney works at the American College of Physicians and has over 20 years of experience in clinical quality measure development and implementation.
Tilly, Jean-Luc	Other Interested Party	Advisory	10/2026-9/2029	Rockville, MD	Jean-Luc Tilly is program director at Leapfrog leading initiatives that promote diagnostic excellence in hospitals.
Trivette, Paul	Other Interested Party	Advisory	10/2026-9/2029	Spring Hill, TN	Paul Trivette is chief strategy officer at Cedar Recovery and has over 10 years of experience in health care operations, value-based care, innovation, and payer relations.
Weinhandl, Eric	Researcher	Recommendation	10/2024-9/2027	Victoria, MN	Eric Weinhandl is vice president of epidemiology at DaVita Clinical Research with over 20 years of experience in chronic kidney disease research. His expertise includes dialysis, home dialysis, pharmacoepidemiology, nephrology care quality, Medicare policy, and quality improvement in chronic disease.

