

## Final Endorsement and Maintenance Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 Initial Recognition and Management Committee Roster

### Co-chair(s)

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Matt Austin (Non-Patient Co-Chair)	Health Services Researcher	PhD	Associate Professor	Johns Hopkins Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality	Baltimore, Maryland	Dr. Matt Austin is an associate professor in the Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine in the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and a principal faculty member at the Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality. His research focuses on performance measurement in health care. Dr. Austin's current research interests include understanding the role of transparency of quality and safety data in driving improvements in care delivery, measuring disparities in the quality of care, and measuring the diagnostic performance of hospitals. Dr. Austin currently provides strategic guidance to The Leapfrog Group on performance measures for their annual Leapfrog Hospital Survey, Hospital Safety Grade, and Ambulatory Surgery Center Survey.
Patricia Merryweather-Arges (Patient Co-Chair)	Patient Partner	MA	Executive Director; Patient Partner	Project Patient Care	Naperville, Illinois	Ms. Patricia Merryweather-Arges has over 30 years of successful experience utilizing and identifying performance measures that are drivers of improved outcomes of care and patient experience in hospitals, nursing homes, outpatient care, and communities. She currently promotes and facilitates patient and family advisory councils; patient driven initiatives on PCORI awards; and in collaboration with local, state, and international health organizations. She developed the Quality Care Institute at Illinois Hospital Association, as well as a multi-state quality and disease-based system for five states. She has also advocated successfully for legislation on public reporting of hospital infections. Like many people, Ms. Merryweather-Arges is a patient and family caregiver. She has held unique positions serving as a hospital board chairperson of a safety net hospital in Chicago; a director on Cook County health system quality and safety committee of the Board; member of the Illinois Public

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						Health Institute Board; executive committee member of the Institute of Medicine of Chicago; and Vice President of the Rotary International Board of Directors, which has a major focus on polio eradication and peace. Ms. Merryweather-Arges believes that quality and performance measures are critical in improving outcomes and processes of care and having the patient and caregiver voice allows one to focus on what is most important.

### Committee Members

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Abraham Jacob	Clinician; Facility/Institutional	MD, MHA	Associate Professor of Pediatrics/ Internal Medicine; Chief Quality Officer	University of Minnesota; M Health Fairview	Minneapolis, Minnesota	Dr. Abraham Jacob has been in clinical practice for 25 years, as a hospitalist and primary care physician. Dr. Jacob has extensive experience in health care quality and patient safety, having served as Chief Medical Officer of a hospital and Chief Quality Officer of M Health Fairview since 2019. As CQO, Dr. Jacob has oversight over inpatient and ambulatory quality, patient and employee safety, infection control, regulatory and health care disparities. M Health Fairview has 10 hospitals in Minnesota, including an academic health center.
Anne Llewellyn	Patient Partner; Clinician	MS, BHSA, RN, CMGT-BC, CRRN, BCPA, CMF	Nurse Advocate	--	Plantation, Florida	Ms. Anne Llewellyn is a registered nurse with 40 + years of experience in critical care, risk management, case management, patient advocacy, health care publications, and training and development. She is a leader in case management and patient advocacy. Today, Ms. Llewellyn works as an Independent Nurse Advocate assisting people on their health care journeys. She speaks and writes frequently on topics for consumers, caregivers, and all health care team members so that together we can improve each person's health and health care experience.

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Arjun Venkatesh	Health Services Researcher; Clinician; Other Interested Parties	MD, MBA, MHS	Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine; Chief, Emergency Services	Yale University School of Medicine; Yale New Haven Hospital	New Haven, Connecticut	Dr. Arjun Venkatesh is Chair and Chief of Emergency Medicine at Yale University School of Medicine and Yale New Haven Health. He is a national-recognized quality measurement and improvement leader as Principal Investigator of the ACEP Emergency Quality Network (E-QUAL) and Scientist at the Yale Center for Outcomes, Research and Evaluation. He has received over \$12 million in funding by the National Institute of Health, CMS, AHRQ, and CDC to study and develop measures and interventions that improve acute care outcomes and efficiency. He has supported CMS' development of over a dozen national quality measures including the CMS Overall Hospital Quality Star Ratings and he has led the development of over 20 quality measures for the ACEP Clinical Emergency Data registry. His work has resulted in over 200 peer-reviewed publications and federal reports as well as the implementation of numerous national health care quality and value programs.
Ashley Comiskey	Clinician; Facility/Institutional	MSN, RN, CCDS	Quality Director	Baptist Health Paducah	Paducah, Kentucky	Ms. Ashley Comiskey has worked in the health care industry for over 20 years, with experience in critical care nursing, clinical documentation integrity, accountable care organizations, and quality improvement. She is an expert in claims-based quality measures, specifically disease specific mortalities and patient safety indicators. She currently works as a Quality Director and is committed to understanding measure specifications and compliantly reporting accurate quality of care data. In 2019 she was the recipient of ACDIS's Rookie of the Year Award and in 2020 she received the 2020 Trust Builder Award provided by Trust HCS.

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Barbara Kivowitz	Patient Partner; Health Equity Expert	MA, MSW	--	--	San Francisco, California	Ms. Barbara Kivowitz is a clinician, consultant, and author specializing in health care innovation with the goal of helping organizations shift to more patient/family centered models of care. She is the coauthor of <i>Love in the Time of Chronic Illness: How to Fight the Sick, Not Each Other</i> , a guide for patient-caregiver partners and for the clinicians who help them. She has delivered programs based on her book at Stanford Health Care and Medical School, UCSF, Sutter Health, Massachusetts General Hospital, Dana Farber Cancer Center, the Beryl Institute, and elsewhere. She is currently on the Board of Directors of Sutter Health Medical Direct which oversees care for Medicare patients, and she is also on Board of Directors of San Francisco Village, an intentional community of older adults. She is on the Honorary Board of Well Spouse Organization, on the Advisory Board of Patient and Family Centered Care Partners, and on the Technical Advisory Committee for California Health Compares. She participates in national patient/family-focused health initiatives through the American College of Physicians, the National Institute on Aging, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and PCORI. She serves as a Patient Family Advisor at Sutter Health.
Billy A. Caceres	Health Equity Expert; Clinician; Health Services Researcher	PhD, RN	Assistant Professor of Nursing	Columbia University	New York, New York	Dr. Billy A. Caceres is an Assistant Professor of Nursing at Columbia University and a nationally-recognized expert on social and structural determinants of cardiovascular health. He is a board-certified nurse and nurse practitioner with expertise in cardiology. In 2020, he chaired the American Heart Association's (AHA) first scientific statement on the cardiovascular health of sexual and gender minority adults. His contributions to cardiovascular health and health equity research have been recognized with awards from the National Institutes of Health and the American Heart Association.

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Carol Sakala	Health Services Researcher; Other Interested Parties	PhD, MSPH	Senior Director for Maternal Health	National Partnership for Women & Families	Washington, D.C.	Dr. Carol Sakala leads the maternal health portfolio within the Health Justice policy team at the National Partnership for Women & Families. She works on behalf of childbearing families for longer-term maternity care system transformation through such levers as payment reform and performance measurement and to help all families thrive through access to high-performing maternal care models. Her prior involvement with performance measurement includes serving on the Measure Applications Partnership, the Medicaid Child Core Set Workgroup, the Medicaid Scorecard Workgroup, and as Co-Chair of the NQF Perinatal and Women's Health Standing Committee. She also advises federal agencies and the private sector on measure development, maintenance, and application. She has extensive lived experience as a family caregiver of aging parents with multiple chronic conditions and in multiple care settings.
Carole Hemmelgarn	Patient Partner; Other Interested Parties	MS, MS	Senior Director; Founding Member; Patient Partner	MedStar Institute for Quality and Safety; Self and Patients for Patient Safety US	Highlands Ranch, Colorado	Ms. Carole Hemmelgarn is the Director for the Executive Master's Clinical Quality, Safety & Leadership program at Georgetown University, and the Senior Director of Education at the MedStar Institute for Quality & Safety. Her interest in making health care safe stems from the loss of her daughter from multiple medical errors. She is a founding member of Patients for Patient Safety US and is actively engaged in committees and boards at Leapfrog, Children's Hospital Colorado, Collaborative for Accountability and Improvement, National Quality Forum, and Solutions for Patient Safety.
Cecilia Purcell	Patient Partner	--	--	--	--	--
Danny Barker	Clinician; Facility/Institutional	MBA, RRT	Clinical Quality Operations Manager- Quality	Intermountain Health	Salt Lake City, Utah	Mr. Danny Barker works in the Clinical Excellence Department at Intermountain Health and assists with analyzing and improving data regarding quality measures at a system level. Mr. Barker reviews quality data with physicians, service line leaders, other quality professionals, and data analysts to implement system level initiatives to improve these measures. Mr. Barker enjoyed helping providers connect quality metrics to patient safety and experience as it brought fulfillment to his work knowing that he was helping facilities become safer through the improvement of quality of care.

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Edward Bailly	Facility/Institutional	MSHCDL, MSN, FNP-BC	Director of Quality and Patient Engagement	Mount Sinai Health Partners	New York, New York	Mr. Edward Bailly directs strategic development and implementation of quality improvement initiatives to promote better clinical outcomes for patients and support providers for Mount Sinai Health Partners, a large clinically integrated network and ACO in NYC. He is a practicing primary care nurse practitioner with experience as an inpatient registered nurse that led him to a leadership career in population health management and quality improvement. Mr. Bailly's role includes leading patient engagement initiatives for primary care along with ensuring quality data is captured to optimize quality reporting and drive financial performance across Mount Sinai's value-based contracts and quality programs. This experience in quality reporting has developed his expertise in measure specifications and piqued his interest in how quality measures are developed.
Geeta Sood	Health Services Researcher; Clinician; Facility/Institutional; Other Interested Parties	MD, ScM	Assistant Professor of medicine and Hospital Epidemiologist	Johns Hopkins Medical Center	Baltimore, MD	Dr. Geeta Sood is an infectious disease physician who completed her medical training at Temple University and her epidemiology training at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She has served as a hospital epidemiologist for 11 years. She was also an active member of the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America's (SHEA) Public Policy and Government Affairs (PPGA) Committee and currently serves on the SHEA Quality Metrics Task Force. Dr. Sood is a member of Maryland's Health Services Cost Review Commission's Performance Measurement Review Committee, which advises the state on the development and evaluation of quality metrics tied to hospital payment through Maryland's unique all-payer model.

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Gregary Bosci	Facility/Institutional; Clinician	DO	Associate Professor & Vice Chair for Clinical Pathology	Department of Pathology, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus	Aurora, Colorado	Dr. Gregary Bosci is a board-certified anatomic and clinical pathologist with subspecialty certifications in molecular genetic pathology and clinical informatics who is the Laboratory Director for the University of Colorado Hospital Clinical Laboratories. He is involved in the College of American Pathologists' efforts to collect and report data that accurately characterizes the quality and value of pathologists' contributions to patient care as an active member of the CAP Quality and Clinical Data Registry Affairs Committee. He is experienced with measure evaluation, endorsement, and maintenance due to his work with the National Quality Forum Cancer Standing Committee and from working on quality measure development.
Hannah Ingber	Other Interested Parties	MPH	Manager	National Quality Forum	Washington, D.C.	Ms. Hannah Ingber is a Manager at the National Quality Forum (NQF) in Washington, D.C., a not-for-profit, nonpartisan, membership-based organization that addresses the most important structural issues upstream and downstream of our nation's portfolio of health care quality measures and to advance the next generation of measures. Her work currently focuses on improving measurement of diagnostic excellence in the health care system and prior work has focused on assessing the scientific acceptability of accountability measures, developing guidance on best practices for risk adjustment, and recommending measurement solutions to improve maternal morbidity and mortality rates in the U.S. Prior to NQF, she worked to improve women's health at the Institute for Family Health, a Federally Qualified Health Center in New York City, by tracking and supporting the goal of 100% patient engagement and understanding related to cervical cancer screening results. She holds a Bachelor of Sociology degree from Barnard College, Columbia University, and a Master of Public Health degree from Yale University.

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Helen Haskell	Patient Partner	MA	President	Mothers Against Medical Error	Columbia, South Carolina	Ms. Helen Haskell has worked to bring the patient voice to health care safety and quality. Her areas of interest include infection prevention, medication safety, patient engagement, and diagnostic safety, among others. Helen has served on multiple patient safety and quality committees at AHRQ, CMS, and CDC as well as at NQF, where her service includes nearly 15 years on the Measure Applications Partnership and other committees. She is an Institute for Healthcare Improvement senior fellow, a board member of the International Society for Rapid Response, and a former chair of the Patients for Patient Safety Advisory Group at the World Health Organization.
Janet Hurley	Facility/Institutional; Clinician	MD, FAFP	Medical Director of Medication Management and Associate Health Initiatives	CHRISTUS Health	Tyler, Texas	Dr. Janet Hurley is a family medicine physician who has over 20 years of medical leadership experience within the Texas Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Family Physicians, CHRISTUS Trinity Clinic, and CHRISTUS Health. Prior to her current role within CHRISTUS Health, she served for over five years as the Medical Director of Population Health, overseeing the organization's value-based payer plans, and translating HEDIS, MSSP, Medicaid and other quality measures into local dashboard metrics for quality oversight and reporting. She understands the need to not only create metrics which are clinically meaningful for high-quality patient care, but also must be practically translatable and measurable within electronic health records. She continues to practice outpatient Family Medicine one day per week, utilizing the clinical decision support tools she helps to create within her organization.
Janice Young	Facility/Institutional; Clinician; Other Interested Parties	DNP, RN, HRM, CPHQ, CPPS	Patient Safety Director	HCA Florida Ocala Health	Ocala, Florida	Dr. Janice Young has over 30 years of nursing experience, focusing on improving care and connection to the patient. Her search to enhance health care begins with communication and connections to all patients, understanding how the patient's goals intersect with the health care team's goals. She has been part of the quality team reviewing and implementing quality measures for 15 years. Her focus is improving care for the elderly and finding solutions for this underserved and often misunderstood population.



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Jean-Luc Tilly	Purchaser and Plan; Other Interested Parties	MPA, PMP	Program Manager	The Leapfrog Group	Washington, D.C.	Mr. Jean-Luc Tilly joined The Leapfrog Group in 2020 and works directly with experts and stakeholders to identify new opportunities for measurement, and coordinates activities of Leapfrog's public reporting and rating programs. He leads the Recognizing Excellence in Diagnosis program as well as Leapfrog's efforts to identify new measurement opportunities in hospital billing practices and the informed consent process. Before joining Leapfrog, Mr. Tilly served for five years as a Senior Project Manager at the National Quality Forum (NQF), focusing on NQF's project to improve diagnostic safety and quality and the Measure Applications Partnership with CMS to review measures for federal reporting programs.
Jennifer Bailit	Clinician	MD, MPH	Professor	Case Western Reserve University	Cleveland, Ohio	Dr. Jennifer Bailit did her undergraduate work at Brown University, medical school at Tufts School of Medicine, residency at Prentice Women's Center at Northwestern, her MFM fellowship at the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar's program, and her advanced training in public health at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Dr. Bailit's research career has focused on measuring and improving the quality of care and outcomes for obstetric patients and their newborns. Her published research on complications of pregnancy and adverse neonatal outcomes has focused on patient, provider, and health system factors as well as policy forces that may adversely affect maternal-child outcomes. Dr. Bailit's clinical expertise is in Maternal-Fetal Medicine, specifically pregnant women with substance use disorder.

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Jill Blazier	Rural Health Expert; Clinician; Facility/Institutional	MSN-ED, RN, CPHQ	Manager Clinical Quality & Analytics	Intermountain Health	Broomfield, Colorado	Ms. Jill Blazier holds over 26 years of experience in health care quality improvement, patient safety, and as a clinician in nursing and leadership in the obstetrics department. As a versatile quality leader with extensive scope, Ms. Blazier sees value in aligning quality measures across multiple quality reporting and pay for performance programs. She has years of experience in hospital and clinician measurement in federal, state, and commercial quality programs. While serving Intermountain Health, she leads a team and is directly involved in many stages of the measure lifecycle, from evaluating proposals in federal rulemaking to implementation of new measures, maintenance of specific updates, and leveraging the subsequent data to engage clinicians and leadership in quality assessment and improvement. Ms. Blazier is passionate about patient safety and process improvement, seeking hospitals to collaborate, enrich one another, and provide the safe, highly reliable care that patients and consumers desperately need in virtually every area of our complex health system.
Juliet Bartsch	Patient Partner; Clinician; Facility/Institutional	RN	Registered Nurse	TNAA/INOVA Health System	Lansdowne, Virginia	Ms. Juliet Bartsch has been a nurse for 7 years and has worked on hospital tele-medsurg floors, hospice, and for the last few years in the emergency department (pediatric and adult). These jobs have spanned from staff nurse to travel nurse and case manager.

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Karen M. Fernandes	Patient Partner; Clinician	RN, CPHQ	President	AYR Consulting Group	Dallas, Texas	Ms. Karen Fernandes is President of AYR Consulting Group, which supports hospitals across the United States in their quest for quality and patient safety along with compliance to The Joint Commission (TJC) Standards and Medicare Regulations. Quality performance metrics has been a focus in support of patient safety and equity in her work with hospitals. She has served as chairperson of The Joint Commission's Professional Technical Advisory Committee for Hospitals and is currently on the TJC Consultant's Forum. Additionally, Ms. Fernandes was a member of the Federation of American Hospitals Quality Committee and served as chairperson of the Quality Committee. She was also a member of the National Quality Forum on the Consumer Council, Provider Council, and Quality Council. She is the Administrator for Diethylstilbestrol (DES) Info Association that provides ongoing information and support to the DES Exposed.
Karen Johnson	Other Interested Parties; Health Services Researcher	PhD	Director of Quality & Measurement	American Urological Association	Linthicum, Maryland	Dr. Karen Johnson specializes in improving health care quality through measurement science. She is the Director of Quality & Measurement at the American Urological Association (AUA), where she oversees all measure development, maintenance, and quality improvement activities and supports measure implementation in AUA's clinical data registry. In her previous role at NQF, she led endorsement and measurement science projects and helped maintain NQF's measure evaluation criteria. In previous roles, she gained extensive experience in health care data analytics. She holds a Doctorate of Gerontology degree and a Master of Mathematical Sciences/Statistics degree, and Master of Applied Sociology degree.
Karen Wilding	Facility/Institutional; Other Interested Parties	BS	Vice President & Enterprise Chief Value Officer	Nemour's Childrens Health	Newark, Delaware	Ms. Karen Wilding is Vice President & Enterprise Chief Value Officer at Nemour's Childrens Health. She is recognized as a national thought leader, experienced in leading care & payment delivery redesign. Ms. Wilding has experience negotiating transformation arrangements with payer and external partners and orchestrating multiple levels of change in the organization from board to bedside.

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Kent Bream	Clinician; Facility/Institutional; Health Equity Expert; Health Services Researcher	MD	Associate Professor; Interim CMO	University of Pennsylvania; Spectrum Health Services, Inc.	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Dr. Kent Bream is a leader in community medicine. He has practiced family medicine in Philadelphia with extensive experience working in collaborative research and educational and clinical projects with specific attention to underserved communities primarily in the context of Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). His work led to the founding of the Dr. Bennett L Jonson Jr. Sayre Health Center and his current role as interim CMO at Spectrum Health Services. He understands the importance of quality measurement and reporting with expertise in UDS reporting for FQHCs as well as population health metrics. He often serves as a formal and informal advisor to other clinical leaders in community medicine and population health.
Kobi Ajayi	Patient Partner; Health Equity Expert; Health Services Researcher; Other Interested Parties	PhD, MPH, MBA	Senior Evaluation and Performance Measurement Specialist	Texas Department of State Health Services	College Station, Texas	Dr. Kobi Ajayi is a health behavior and health system scientist with experience in culturally noncongruent research, workforce development, nonprofit leadership, and evaluation and monitoring. Dr. Ajayi employs equity and social justice lenses in her research and practice to develop interventions to protect and promote women's health across the life course. Dr. Ajayi earned her doctorate and Master of Public Health from Texas A&M University. She holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Edinburgh Business School, Heriot-Watt University, United Kingdom. Dr. Ajayi is the Principal Consultant at Kajayi Consulting and Evaluation Services LLC.

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Kory Anderson	Facility/Institutional; Clinician	MD, FACP, CHCQM	Enterprise Medical Director, CDI and Quality; Medical Staff President	Intermountain Physician Advisor Services; McKay-Dee Hospital, Intermountain Health	Salt Lake City, Utah	Dr. Kory Anderson did his medical school training at Oregon Health and Sciences University in Portland, Oregon and then completed his Internal Medicine residency at the University of Utah in 2008. Since that time, he has worked clinically as a Hospitalist within the Intermountain Health System. Dr. Anderson currently serves as the Enterprise Medical Director of Intermountain Healthcare's Physician Advisor Services, CDI and Quality teams, which spans 7 states. In this role, he has responsibility for physician utilization review, clinical documentation integrity, physician education, and physician appeals and denials; along with quality performance and reporting and has been involved in this work for over 11 years. Dr. Anderson has spoken numerous times on the national stage on topics related to quality, CDI, and physician advisor work. He is passionate about improving quality, safety, and the patient experience, which are key fundamentals of care at Intermountain Health.
Kyle Campbell	Other Interested Parties; Clinician; Health Services Researcher	PharmD	Vice President, Healthcare Policy and Quality Measurement	Health Services Advisory Group, Inc.	Phoenix, Arizona	Dr. Kyle Campbell is a clinical pharmacist who leads national projects focused on improving patient outcomes and eliminating disparities through the development and use of quality measures for both quality improvement and accountability. He has 16 years' experience in developing, evaluating, and implementing quality measures used in CMS programs and has led multiple projects for CMS that have resulted in Consensus-Based Entity (CBE) endorsement of performance measures related to medication management, adverse drug events, and behavioral health. He has directed the CMS Impact Assessment of CMS Quality and Efficiency Measures contract since 2018, which evaluates the impact of quality measures used in 26 CMS reporting programs. Recently, he has worked with the American Society of Hematology to improve the initial recognition and diagnosis of pulmonary embolism in the emergency department through appropriate implementation of diagnostic tools for risk stratification. Dr. Campbell has published on the use of quality measures, medication safety, and behavioral health and has served on multiple technical expert panels related to quality measurement.

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Lisa Leckrone	Rural Health Expert; Facility/Institutional	MHA, CPHQ, ASCP	Director Quality and Risk Management	St. Mary Medical Center	Hobart, Indiana	Ms. Lisa Leckrone is a dynamic health care leader with extensive experience in progressive clinical, managerial, and administrative experience. She has a passion for improving patient care and clinical outcomes by promoting evidence-based practice and ensuring a holistic approach. Ms. Leckrone achieved substantial improvement in facility publicly-reported CMS quality measures, including a reduction in readmissions due to integration of screening for social determinants of health. She has a personal interest in improving clinical outcomes through initial disease recognition and management and acute/chronic disease management.
Marianne Kraemer	Health Equity Expert; Clinician	RN, MPA, M. Ed., CENP, CCRN-K-emeritus	Advisory Board Member	Sepsis Alliance	Marlton, New Jersey	Ms. Marianne Kraemer has over 40 years of experience as a nurse. She earned her Bachelor of Nursing degree from Widener University, Master of Public Administration (MPA) – Health Care Policy from Rutgers University, and Master of Education (M. Ed.) in Organizational Dynamics from Temple University. She previously worked in post-open heart critical care and has experience in infection prevention and control, cardio-pulmonary, medical ethics, quality improvement, as well as equity, diversity, and inclusion. Ms. Kraemer previously served as a Chief Nursing Officer and an Assistant Vice President in Quality and Safety. She is an active volunteer with Sepsis Alliance as an Advisory Board Member and in her community on topics such as suicide and crisis, the environment, and the socially disadvantaged.
Mark Ellison	Purchaser and Plan	BA	Staff Vice President of Advanced Analytics	Elevance Health	Charlottesville, Virginia	Mr. Mark Ellison helps internal stakeholders understand drivers of unfavorable clinical outcomes and develop robust strategies to address root causes. As a Staff Vice President of Advanced Analytics at Elevance Health, he oversees Clinical Analytics, as well as being responsible for standardizing definitions and measures for the enterprise. For Mr. Ellison, seeing the success of the strategies created based on his team insights and recommendations is the most rewarding part of the role.

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Oren Guttman	Facility/Institutional; Clinician	MD, MBA	Enterprise Vice President for High Reliability & Patient Safety; Associate Professor of Anesthesiology	Jefferson Abington Health; Sidney Kimmel Medical College	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Dr. Oren Guttman serves as the Enterprise Vice President for High Reliability and Patient Safety for the Jefferson Health. He holds an endowed chair in the health system as the Edward Asplundh Chief Quality and Patient Safety Officer for Jefferson Health Abington division and is an active Associate Professor of Anesthesiology at Sidney Kimmel Medical College. He is a member of the renowned Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation and a published author with a national voice on embedding human factors, systems engineering, and other safety science principles and practices into clinical operations.
Pranali Trivedi	Health Equity Expert; Facility/Institutional; Other Interested Parties	CPHQ	National Director, Population Health	Ascension	Charlotte, North Carolina	Ms. Pranali Trivedi is an experienced senior leader with a strong background in health care transformation, population health, and quality measurement, reporting, and analytics. Throughout her professional career she has spanned multiple industry perspectives all rooted in driving improvements in quality and/or value in the health care system. Over the last 7+ years, she has played an instrumental role leading improvements in organizations' successes in accountable care organizations (ACOs), alternative payment models (APMs), MA Star Ratings, and several other quality programs across Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial marketplaces. By combining her health system experience in leadership, strategy, and operations with her health policy and research consulting experience in program design, measure set curation, quality metric evaluation, Ms. Trivedi provides valuable insight and evaluation of metrics from all angles. In her current role as National Director of Population Health at Ascension, she leads and has oversight of the organization's value-based portfolio, with a particular lens on performance improvement.

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Raymond Dantes	Clinician; Facility/Institutional; Other Interested Parties	MD, MPH	Associate Professor of Medicine; Medical Advisor	Emory University School of Medicine; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	Atlanta, Georgia	Dr. Raymond Dantes is an Associate Professor of Medicine at the Emory University School of Medicine, where he also serves as the Physician Lead for sepsis activities across the 7-hospital Emory Healthcare system. In these roles, Dr. Dantes has come to appreciate the value and importance of well-designed clinical quality measures. He also serves as a Medical Advisor for the CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network, where he conducts research and development for new digital quality measures in the CDC pipeline.
Selena McCord	Rural Health Expert; Health Equity Expert; Other Interested Parties	MPH	Community Program Manager	National Rural Health Resource Center	Duluth, Minnesota	Ms. Selena McCord is the Community Program Manager of The National Rural Health Resource Center's Delta Region Community Health Systems Development Program, where she manages the delivery of technical assistance (TA) services designed to support rural Delta Region health care organizations with building community capacity, integrating social services, and developing and implementing community care coordination plans to strengthen the local health care delivery system. Prior to joining The Center, Ms. McCord developed and facilitated lay health worker training curricula as a part of the Gulf Region Health Outreach Program and the Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative's Consortium for Resilient Gulf Communities' grant. Her interests are rural health equity, primary health care, community engagement, black maternal health disparities, and organizational culture and excellence.
Sheila Owens-Collins	Clinician; Other Interested Parties	MD, MPH, MBA	Commissioner & Chief Administrative Officer/Medical Director	Lexington-Fayette County Health Department	Potomac, Maryland	Dr. Sheila Owens-Collins is a business-driven medical executive, managed care expert, specialist in population health management, and board-certified Neonatal Perinatal Medicine and Pediatrics physician who focuses on clinical outcomes and performance. Dr. Owens-Collins also has special interest in addressing social determinants of health, removing health disparities, and promoting health equity within underserved/high-risk populations, as well as developing and implementing programs that improve health outcomes for children, youth, families, and the elderly.



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Sherly Binu	Other Interested Parties; Clinician; Facility/Institutional	MBA, MS, RN	Director/Practice Lead for Healthcare Quality & Evaluation Services	RELI Group Inc	Catonsville, Maryland	Ms. Sherly Binu has over twenty years of experience in the health care and clinical operations industry. Ms. Binu currently serves as the Director/Practice Lead for Healthcare Quality & Evaluation Services at RELI Group. Ms. Binu has a keen understanding of continuous quality improvement (CQI) principles and collaborative leadership and strong working knowledge of CQI principles, practices, methods, and tools. With many years of experience as a critical care nurse, she is passionate about patient safety, quality improvement, risk management, operational excellence in the health care industry, supported by an M.S., Health Service Leadership and Management, M.B.A., Lean Six Sigma Green Belt, and Human Factors Engineering certifications. Ms. Binu has spent her career working with numerous CMS programs and stakeholders such as: QIP, QIOs, QPP, ACO/ESRD Models Implementation, Quality Reporting and Monitoring /Compliance of various Advanced Alternative Payment Models (APMs), NQF, MMS, Meaningful Measures, Patient-Centered care, and Patient Reported Outcomes Measures (PROs / PROMs). She also led various patient safety initiatives, including initiation, and leading of several Comprehensive Unit-Based Safety Program (CUSP) teams for the Department of Anesthesia and Critical Care Medicine at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She has strong analytical skills that allow her to lead multidisciplinary teams to successful outcomes.
Talia Sasson	Clinician; Facility/Institutional; Other Interested Parties	MD, FSIR	Associate Professor of Interventional Radiology/ Imaging Sciences	University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry	Rochester, New York	Dr. Talia Sasson is a board-certified Interventional and Diagnostic Radiologist, and since 2003, has been a faculty in the Interventional Radiology division of the Imaging Sciences Department of the University of Rochester. Dr. Sasson is the head of the dialysis access service line in my division, and she has been a member of an interdepartmental dialysis access committee in her institute for 13 years. The committee is dedicated to improving dialysis patient outcomes in our community by identifying barriers to care and finding solutions to remove those barriers. Dr. Sasson is also a long-standing member of the Society of Interventional Radiology, and, over the years, has served on various society committees.

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Tamaire Ojeda-Avila	Other Interested Parties	MHSA, RDN, LD	Senior Manager of Quality Initiatives and Improvement	Commission of Dietetic Registration	Wichita, Kansas	Ms. Tamaire Ojeda-Avila serves as the Senior Manager of Quality Initiatives and Improvement at the Commission on Dietetic Registration. In this role, she leads efforts in quality improvement and change management, such as leading the Quality Management Committee. Her academic background spans a Bachelor of Biology, another in Nutrition and Dietetics, a dietetic internship in the Veteran's Healthcare Administration, a Master of Public Health degree, with a focus on Healthcare Service Administration, and a Culinary Arts Certificate. With 18 years of comprehensive experience, Ms. Ojeda-Avila worked in clinical care, outpatient care, wellness, food safety, and community care, especially in rural settings and within the federal health care system. As a registered dietitian and a native of Puerto Rico, she offers the Partnership for Quality Measurement a rich and diverse blend of nutrition expertise, with a deep understanding of high-quality care in areas including inpatient and outpatient care, clinical and food service management, and quality management.
Tammy Love	Other Interested Parties; Clinician	MSN, RN-BC, CPPS, LSSGB	Senior Manager Healthcare Executive	Oracle Health	Burlington, Kentucky	Ms. Tammy Love is a Senior Manager Healthcare Executive for Oracle Health on the Quality and Patient Safety team. She is board certified in nursing and holds certifications in Nursing Informatics, Patient Safety and Lean Six Sigma. She has over 25 years of health care experience both as a clinician and a core measure abstractor before moving into administrative roles mostly focused on quality, risk management, patient safety, and informatics. As a Chief Quality Officer, Ms. Love built a quality management program for a critical access hospital and assisted in the development of the corporate toolkit for quality. Her role at Oracle Health is to bridge the gap between the EHR technology and a facility's clinical team providing insights into the use of health information technology to improve care delivery, clinical workflows, quality measurement, regulatory reporting, and patient safety.

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Thomas Spiegel	Facility/Institutional; Clinician; Other Interested Parties	MD, MBA, MS, FACEP	Vice President and UCM Health System Chief Quality Officer	the University of Chicago Medicine	Chicago, Illinois	Dr. Thomas Spiegel is the Vice President and Health System Chief Quality Officer at the University of Chicago Medicine (UCM) and Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Chicago. Prior to his current role at UCM, he has served as both the Interim Section Chief of Emergency Medicine and the ED's Medical Director since 2014. He also previously served as the American College of Emergency Physicians' Chair of the Medical Director Section and previously served on their Patient Quality and Safety Committee. Prior to joining UCM, Dr. Spiegel had over 20 years of experience including serving as the Vice President of Business Strategy and Operations Support for Marriott International, an Analyst for the Federal Reserve Bank, and a Consultant for the Small Business Administration. He holds board certifications in both Emergency Medicine and Clinical Informatics.
Tracey H. Brasel	Rural Health Expert; Facility/Institutional	RN, MBA-HM	Quality/Risk Management Coordinator	Pinckneyville Community Hospital	Pinckneyville, Illinois	Ms. Tracey Brasel has over 39 years in health care. Her experience ranges from hospital, long term care, home health, quality improvement, case management, and risk management. She currently collects and distributes data related to inpatient and outpatient quality improvement measures, leads quality improvement efforts related to opportunities discovered, and educates on best practices. Ms. Brasel serves on the Policy and Procedure Committee, Continuous Quality Improvement Council, and is a Service Excellence Advisor.
Usha Venugopal	Health Equity Expert; Clinician; Facility/Institutional	MD FACP, CPHQ	Chief Quality Officer	NYC Health +Hospitals/Lincoln	Bronx, New York City, New York	Dr. Usha Venugopal is a practicing Academic Hospitalist working in an inner-city community hospital. Dr. Venugopal's interest in quality improvement (QI) began as a way to teach the residents QI to internal medicine residents as the then Associate Program Director in Internal Medicine.

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Zainab Jah	Patient Partner; Health Equity Expert; Other Interested Parties	MPH	Senior Research Analyst	Reproductive Health Impact: The Collaborative for Equity and Justice	Silver Spring, Maryland	Ms. Zainab Jah is a Black/Latina woman from the south who leads with personal experiences to inform her work. Her career as a community-based researcher has allowed her to uplift stories of community members to inform the development of patient-reported experience measures and other clinical measures to achieve birth equity, as well as inform policy regarding climate change impacts on pregnant women. She was influenced to work in the Reproductive Justice movement by her mother's experience with endometriosis and her experience of engaging in the health care system with ovarian cysts, a ruptured appendix, and more.

## Summary of Roster Public Comments

This roster was posted for public comment from October 5 – 25, 2023. One public comment was received, which has been listed below along with Battelle's response. The comment did not require any removal of members, nor any additions.

### Comment:

- **Title:** CAP Support for Dr. Gregory Bocsi Committee Appointment

- **Comment:**

*“As the world's largest organization of board-certified pathologists and leading provider of laboratory accreditation and proficiency testing programs, the College of American Pathologists (CAP) is pleased to offer support for the appointment of Dr. Gregory Bocsi, DO, FCAP, to the Initial Recognition and Management Committee, supporting the endorsement and maintenance (E&M) of quality performance measures. The CAP appreciates the time and effort that Battelle has put into transparency of the E&M process, including maintaining public comment on draft rosters. We are committed to serving patients, pathologists and the public by fostering and advocating excellence in the practice of pathology and laboratory medicine and believe that representation of diagnostic medicine on the Initial Recognition and Management Committee will be essential to promoting a robust measure E&M process.*

*Dr. Bocsi is the current Chair of the CAP's Quality and Clinical Data Registry Affairs Committee and a member of CAP's Council on Government and Professional Affairs, where he continues to exemplify his experience with the development and implementation of quality measures for pathology. In addition, Dr. Bocsi has been an instrumental member and supporter to the efforts of other national committees, such as, serving on NQF's Cancer Standing Committee. Dr. Bocsi therefore brings a diversity of expertise in measure development as well as his expertise in pathology. He has been a practicing pathologist for 11 years and has fundamental knowledge of clinical pathology and laboratory medicine.*

*We encourage Battelle to ensure diverse representation of clinicians going forward, including non-patient-facing clinicians and clinicians practicing in a variety of settings. As the MIPS program continues to evolve, it will be even more important to ensure that all aspects of the healthcare system are represented in the PQM Endorsement and Maintenance (E&M) process. CAP and its President, Dr. Donald Karcher, MD, FCAP, fully endorse and strongly support Dr. Bocsi's nomination and look forward to strong participation of all stakeholders in the process."*

- **Comment submitted by:** *Isabella Talavera (Senior Specialist, Quality Measures Development & Implementation)*

**Battelle Response:**

*Thank you for your comment. We are excited to see such support for members of the Initial Recognition and Management committee. We strive to be inclusive of various health care perspectives, experiences, and expertise, including the involvement of non-patient-facing clinicians and others practicing in various care settings. We look forward to working with Dr. Bocsi and others on this committee for the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 endorsement and maintenance cycles.*