

Patient Safety Standing Committee Roster (Spring 2023 Final)

Patient Safety Committee Co-Chairs

John James, PhD

Founder, Patient Safety America
Houston, TX

Dr. John James is a patient safety activist who founded Patient Safety America with the goal of educating the public on the dangers of American healthcare delivery. Dr. James has published two books on patient safety and a seminal article in the Journal of Patient Safety (2013) that redefined the extent of harm associated with hospital care. Dr. James has spoken to groups to include physicians, medical students, nurses, nursing students and educators, retiree groups, etc., and he aims to represent the voice of an informed patient when it comes to patient safety and engagement.

Geeta Sood, MD, ScM

The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America
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.

Patient Safety Committee Members

Elissa Charbonneau, DO, MS

Chief Medical Officer, Encompass Health Corporation
Birmingham, AL

Dr. Elissa Charbonneau was appointed Chief Medical Officer of Encompass Health in June 2015 after starting as Vice President of Medical Services. She is a board-certified physiatrist and holds an academic appointment at Tufts University, where she is an Associate Professor of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (PM&R). In 2007 and 2012, Dr. Charbonneau was named HealthSouth's Medical Director of the Year. She received her doctor of osteopathic medicine (DO) from the New York Institute of Technology (NYIT) College of Osteopathic Medicine, a master of epidemiology/natural sciences from State University of New York Buffalo, and a bachelor of science in biology from Cornell University. She completed a residency in PM&R at Temple University/Moss Rehabilitation Hospital.

Curtis Collins, PharmD, MS

Specialty Pharmacist, Infectious Diseases, St. Joseph Mercy Health System
Ann Arbor, MI

Dr. Curtis Collins is currently an Infectious Diseases Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at St. Joseph Mercy Health System in Ann Arbor, MI. He has published extensively in the fields of infectious diseases, pharmacotherapy, antimicrobial stewardship, and pharmacoconomics. Dr. Collins is active in professional organizations, such as the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). He previously served as Chair of ASHP's Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists and has served on the National Quality Forum's (NQF) Infectious Diseases and Surgery endorsement maintenance projects.

Theresa Edelstein, MPH, LNHA

Vice President, New Jersey Hospital Association
Princeton, NJ

Theresa Edelstein has served as the Vice President of Post-Acute Care Policy at the NJ Hospital Association for the last 21 years. She has spent her entire career in the field of aging and disability services, beginning at the Jewish Home & Hospital for Aged in New York City. She is a licensed nursing home administrator and has a firm grounding in quality measurement in long-term settings. During the last several years, she has devoted a great deal of time to quality initiatives related to post-acute care, including pressure ulcer prevention, catheter-associated urinary tract infection, and end-of-life/Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment. She is also a member of New Jersey's Medical Assistance Advisory Council and Managed Long-Term Services and Supports Steering Committee, which monitors the transition to managed care for Medicaid-funded long-term services and supports.

Jason Falvey, DPT, PhD

Assistant Professor, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health
Baltimore, MD

Dr. Jason Falvey is a board-certified geriatric physical therapist with more than 10 years of clinical and research experience working with older adults across the continuum of care. Dr. Falvey received a dual bachelor's degree in English literature and kinesiology and his doctor of physical therapy from Husson University and a PhD in rehabilitation sciences from the University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus. He also completed a postdoctoral fellowship in epidemiology of aging at the Yale School of Medicine. Dr. Falvey is currently an Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland School of Medicine's Department of Epidemiology and Public Health.

Sara Hawkins, PhD, RN, CPPS

Director of Patient Safety & Risk, Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center
Idaho Falls, ID

Dr. Sara Hawkins is the Director of Patient Safety & Risk with Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center (EIRMC), a subsidiary of HCA Healthcare, working to promote a culture of safety and the elimination of avoidable harm. An experienced leader and academic, Dr. Hawkins offers a broad perspective to healthcare delivery, policy, and safety science. She is dedicated to the exploration of patient safety in the context of workload, among other metrics, and contributes to

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the literature through publication in peer-reviewed journals. Engaged in professional organizations, Dr. Hawkins currently serves as an editor for RN Idaho and a board member for Nurse Leaders of Idaho.

Bret Jackson

President, The Economic Alliance for Michigan
Novi, MI

Bret Jackson has worked in the private, public, and nonprofit sectors throughout Michigan. He began working at the Economic Alliance for Michigan (EAM) in 2007 and became the organization's third president in January 2011. During his tenure as president, EAM has become a Leapfrog Regional Leader for the state of Michigan. In addition, hospital participation in The Leapfrog survey has increased by 70 percent, and hospital safety grades have measurably increased since EAM became involved in the effort. Mr. Jackson is an active member of the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions in their health policy, patient safety, transparency, and prescription drug efforts.

Arpana Mathur, MD, MBA

Medical Director, Physician Services, CVS Health
Naperville, IL

Dr. Arpana Mathur is a board-certified family physician and Medical Director at CVS Health. She leads Caremark Clinical Quality and supports enterprise patient safety. She has expertise in using data-driven insights to create sustainable change in healthcare processes to optimize patient and population health outcomes. Dr. Mathur completed her family medicine residency training at the University of Illinois, followed by a fellowship in academic medicine. In 2016, she pursued an MBA from Loyola University in Chicago. Dr. Mathur has two decades of experience as a family physician in various practice settings, including a residency program, a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), and a multispecialty group practice.

Raquel Mayne, MS, MPH, RN

Senior Quality Management Specialist, Hospital for Special Surgery
New York, NY

Raquel Mayne has almost 20 years of experience as a registered nurse, starting her career in a pediatric intensive care unit (ICU). For the last 12 years, she has worked at the Hospital for Special Surgery in Quality Management and the Value Management Office, where she has coordinated physician peer review and managed public-reporting programs, including hospital-acquired condition reduction and readmissions reduction. She has expertise in performance measurement, quality reporting, value-based purchasing, physician quality, and patient safety. Raquel is currently a doctoral student at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, where she is studying quality and patient safety.

Anne Myrka, RPh, MAT

Senior Director, Drug Safety, Island Peer Review Organization
Lake Success, NY

Anne Myrka is the Senior Director of Drug Safety in the Health Care Quality Improvement Program at the Island Peer Review Organization (IPRO), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)- designated Quality Innovation Organization (QIO) for New York State, New Battelle | Version 1.0 | June 1, 2023 | Restricted: *Use, duplication, or disclosure is subject to the restrictions as stated in Contract Number 75FCMC23C0010 between the Government and Battelle Memorial Institute.*

Jersey, and Ohio. In this role she leads the CMS QIO program for the state of Ohio and is also the lead for patient safety and drug safety tasks across the three states, such as reducing opioid-related adverse drug events (ADEs) and deaths; reducing ADEs due to anticoagulants, diabetes medications, antibiotics, and antipsychotics; reducing hospitalizations and readmissions due to ADEs; and reducing *Clostridioides difficile* infections in the community and nursing homes.

Edward Pollak, MD

Chief Quality Officer, Henry Ford Health System
Detroit, MI

Dr. Edward Pollak is the Chief Quality Officer (CQO) at Henry Ford Hospital. From 2017 to 2020, Dr. Pollak was the National Patient Safety Officer at The Joint Commission (TJC), where he ran patient safety and quality improvement efforts. Working with national experts, he led efforts to direct resources to combat provider burnout. In addition, Dr. Pollak helped revise the National Patient Safety Goals and revised the Sentinel Event Policy to make it more aligned to current quality and safety concerns. Dr. Pollak was a core member of TJC's National Patient Safety Collaborative, partnering with the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP), and ECRI.

Jamie Roney, DNP, NPD-BC, CCRN-K

Covenant Health Texas Regional Research Coordinator, Covenant Health System
Lubbock, TX

Jamie Roney is a nurse leader dedicated to patient safety and quality care. Her nursing career includes service to our country in the U.S. Army Reserve. Her nursing practice includes work in acute care settings in West Texas. She is also active in local and national nursing organizations, including the American Association of Critical Care Nurses and Sigma Theta Tau International. Jamie has taught multiple continuing education programs on safety-related topics, including CMS core measures, IHI bundles, and the identification and management of the septic patient.

David Seidenwurm, MD, FACR

Quality and Safety Director, Sutter Health
Sacramento, CA

Dr. David Seidenwurm is currently a neuroradiologist with Sutter Medical Group in Sacramento, CA. He is Chair of the groupwide Quality Committee and the System Radiology Quality & Safety Medical Director. Previously, Dr. Seidenwurm had been a neuroradiologist with Radiological Associates of Sacramento since 1991 and the past Chairman of the Diagnostic Radiology Division, which comprised 43 radiologists covering five hospital radiology departments and 12 independent imaging facilities. He was also President of California Managed Imaging, a statewide diagnostic imaging network.

Iona Thraen, PhD, ACSW

Patient Safety Director, Utah Hospital and Health Clinics; Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Utah School of Medicine, Department of Biomedical Informatics
Salt Lake City, UT

Dr. Iona Thraen has a PhD in medical informatics from the University of Utah, 30 hours of graduate credit in health care economics, and a master's degree in social work. She combines

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technical content knowledge with process knowledge in her group interactions around common goals. Dr. Thraen specializes in collaborative interactions functioning at times as a decision support provider, a group facilitator, a process analyzer, and an insight provider. Her performance in these various roles is conducted on behalf of the common good and with the intent of achieving the stated goals.

Yanling Yu, PhD

Physical Oceanographer and Patient Safety Advocate, Washington Advocate for Patient Safety
Seattle, WA

Dr. Yanling Yu is a physical oceanographer and patient safety advocate. Before her retirement from the University of Washington, she researched polar sea ice and its changes in response to climate change. However, her professional path took a sharp turn after her father tragically died due to preventable medical harm caused by the negligent use of an off-label medication. Now, Dr. Yu is actively involved with various patient safety issues at the state and national levels. As a patient safety advocate, she promotes hospital care and medication safety, healthcare accountability and transparency, patient rights to informed consent and shared decision making, and patient- and family-centered care. In 2011, she and her husband Rex Johnson worked with state legislators to successfully pass a medical board transparency bill in Washington state. Dr. Yu will continue to be a voice for patients and families, including those who no longer have voices.

Perinatal and Women's Health Committee Members

Martha Carter, DHSc, MBA, APRN, CNM, FACNM

Clinical Consultant, Health Resources and Services Administration
Scott Depot, WV

Dr. Martha Carter served as CEO of a Community Health Center/Federally Qualified Health Center in West Virginia for 20 years. Prior to that, she practiced full-scope nurse-midwifery for 19 years. Dr. Carter currently serves as a Commissioner on the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC) and is a founding member of the WV Alliance for Creative Health Solutions, a practice-based research network (PBRN). She is a Clinical Consultant to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for FQHC Operational Site Visits and occasionally serves as a grant reviewer for HRSA's Division of Independent Review. Dr. Carter obtained an MBA in 2008 and a Doctor of Health Sciences with a focus on leadership and organizational behavior in 2014. She lives in rural West Virginia.

Sheila Owens-Collins, MD, MPH, MBA

Medical Director - Health Equity, Johns Hopkins Healthcare, LLC
Glen Burnie, MD

Dr. Sheila Owens-Collins is a Neonatal Perinatal Specialist by training with 15 years of managed care experience as a Vice President of Medical Affairs, Senior Medical Director, and Chief Medical Officer. Research interests include issues that contribute to health outcome inequities, payment models to promote physician alignment while promoting quality and efficient delivery of care and improving the outcomes of high-risk pregnancies and high-risk newborns. She recently received a post-certification degree in Health Care Informatics from the University of Illinois-Chicago with a special emphasis on data analytics and predictive modeling. Dr. Owens-Collins is a strong advocate of using predictive modeling tools and comprehensive data

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mining to manage the health of a population and to demonstrate the delivery of high-quality, cost-effective care.

Christina Davidson, MD

Vice Chair of Quality, Patient Safety & Equity, Baylor College of Medicine Chief Quality Officer for Obstetrics & Gynecology, Texas Children's Hospital
Houston, TX

Dr. Christina Davidson is a board-certified maternal fetal medicine specialist at Baylor College of Medicine and works in the Texas Medical Center. She is the vice chair of quality, patient safety & equity for the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, and the chief quality officer for Obstetrics & Gynecology at Texas Children's Hospital. She co-chairs the obstetrics committee of the Texas Collaborative for Healthy Mothers and Babies, which is the state perinatal quality collaborative, and is the vice chair of the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine Patient Safety and Quality Committee.

Kimberly Gregory, MD, MPH

Vice Chair, Women's Healthcare Quality & Performance Improvement; Helping Hand of Los Angeles – The Miriam Jacobs Chair in Maternal-Fetal Medicine Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Cedars Sinai Medical Center
Los Angeles, CA

Dr. Kimberly Gregory graduated from UCLA with a BS in psychobiology, received an MD from Charles Drew University of Sciences & Medicine, completed residency in OB/GYN at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, and did a fellowship in Maternal Fetal Medicine at Women's Hospital, USC in Los Angeles. She received an MPH from Harvard University, and is currently Professor and Vice Chair, Women's Healthcare Quality & Performance Improvement in the Department of Ob/Gyn at Cedars Sinai Medical Center. She has received federal and foundation funding for research in women's health and has participated in numerous regional and national health policy advisory boards.