



Resource Use Project: Phase II Bone/Joint Technical Advisory Panel

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dr. James N. Weinstein, DO, MS(Chair) Director, President- The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy; Dartmouth-Hitch Clinic

Dr. Weinstein is Director of The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice (TDI). In January, he was selected President of Dartmouth Hitchcock Clinic (DHC). The dual positions allow him to build critical linkages between the groundbreaking health services research of TDI and the clinical care at DHC. Dr. Weinstein is an internationally renowned spine surgeon and researcher. He was chair of the Department of Orthopaedics at Dartmouth Medical School and Dartmouth-Hitchcock from 2003 until his appointment as DHC president. Dr. Weinstein is a leader in advancing "informed choice" to ensure that patients receive evidence based, safe, effective, efficient, and appropriate care, establishing the first in-the nation center for shared decision making at DHMC. He has received over \$35 million in research funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). He is principal investigator for the NIH funded SPORT (Spine Patients Outcomes Research Trial) study, the first large scale trial to look at the effectiveness of the three most common surgical procedures for back pain, as compared to non-operative treatment. Dr. Weinstein serves on numerous national boards and committees, including the Institute of Medicine's committee on comparative effectiveness research. He has been closely involved in the development of health reform legislation, and continues to provide insights and information to the Administration and Congress on achieving real reform of the health care system.

Dr. Mary Kay O'Neill, MD, MBA Chief Medical Officer for Pacific Northwest- CIGNA HealthCare

Dr. Mary Kay O'Neill is a member of the Resource Measurement workgroup of the Puget Sound Health Alliance and she is familiar with available data and analytics to measure utilization. The workgroup is developing reports that are useful to diverse audiences. Dr. O'Neill has extensive experience in data capture, analysis, interpretation and reporting. More importantly, she has used data to implement program improvement and evaluation of these changes. Dr. O'Neill has experience in white paper development, production and dissemination through her work at the University Of Washington School Of Public Health. Most importantly, she has a lot of experience participating in steering committees and workgroups and knows how to contribute to these processes in a productive way.

Elizabeth Paxton, MA

Director, Surgical Outcomes and Analysis- Kaiser Permanente

As Director of Surgical Outcomes and Analysis, Elizabeth Paxton is responsible for monitoring Kaiser Permanente implant performance program-wide. She was instrumental in the development and implementation of five orthopedic and three cardiac national registries which have enhanced patient safety by providing a mechanism for immediate identification and notification of implant recalls and identification of patient risk factors associated with failures and revisions. She is also responsible for statistical and methodological consultation, database design and management, statistical analyses, and reporting of registry findings. She has over 70 publications and national presentations.

Dr. John Ratliff, MD, FACS

Associate, Professor, Department of Neurosurgery- Thomas Jefferson University

Dr. Ratliff is a board-certified and fellowship-trained spine surgeon who serves on Thomas Jefferson University's Clinical Performance Improvement Committee. Dr. Ratliff has considerable experience measuring outcomes and defining appropriateness of spine care. He has served on a multi-stakeholder low back pain committee that developed guidelines for the evaluation of low back pain patients, studied utilization patterns of lumbar epidural steroid injections among spinal surgeons, and helped develop a classification system for thoracolumbar fractures that has been used to assess appropriateness of surgery. Dr. Ratliff has served as a neurosurgical guest to the RVS Update Committee (RUC) for 3 years, is an active member of organized neurosurgery's Quality Improvement Workgroup, and currently serves on the NQF's National Priorities Partnership Overuse Workgroup.

Dr. Catherine Roberts, MD

Associate Professor of Radiology- Mayo Clinic

Catherine C. Roberts, MD is a Radiologist at Mayo Clinic in Phoenix, Arizona. Dr. Roberts has significant experience in quality improvement and performance measurement, especially with regard to imaging procedures. At Mayo Clinic Arizona, Dr. Roberts serves as Patient Safety Chair, Mortality Review Subcommittee Chair, Quality Review Board Vice Chair, and Quality Council member. Dr. Roberts serves on several committees at a national level, including the American College of Radiology, where she is actively involved with establishing and monitoring performance metrics. Dr. Roberts is a nationally invited speaker and writer on Quality Improvement topics.

Dr. Craig D. Rubin, MD

Professor of Medicine- University of Texas Southwestern Medical School

An academic geriatrician, I have practiced medicine for 26 years. The average age of my patients, 85- years, also reflects the most rapidly expanding segment of the U.S. population. I manage patients with osteoporosis, falls, hip fractures and cognitive impairment (an independent risk factor for falls and hip fractures) and degenerative spine and joint disease. My research experiences and expertise are in the areas of age-related osteoporosis, comprehensive geriatric assessment, and Alzheimer's disease. My research has and continues to be investigator initiated. I am active in teaching medical and other health professional trainees geriatric medicine and age-related disease management.

Dr. Patricia Sinnott, PT, PhD, MPH

Health Economist- VA health Economics Resource Center

I am a health economist at the VA Health Economics Resource Center, where my research is focused on resource use, cost effectiveness and neuromusculoskeletal rehabilitation. Previous to the VA I was the Senior Manager at the Pacific Business Group on Health where I was responsible for the physician performance measurement project in which we used an efficiency methodology to estimate physician efficiency, using data from several commercial PPOs, while also working with physician groups on reporting and dissemination proposals. Prior to PBGH, I practiced physical therapy for more than 15 years, focused on patients with orthopedic, geriatric and neuromusculoskeletal problems.