



## **National Voluntary Consensus Standards for Patient Outcomes Bone/Joint Technical Advisory Panel**

**Dr. Dianne Jewell, PT, DPT, PhD, CCS (Chair)**

Assistant Professor- Virginia Commonwealth University

Dianne Jewell is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA. Her primary teaching responsibilities include courses in health policy and in administration and management in physical therapy practice. She also is responsible for evidence-based practice courses in both the professional and transitional doctor of physical therapy programs. Dr. Jewell is a board certified clinical specialist in cardiovascular and pulmonary physical therapy. She practices several hours a week in a free clinic providing services to uninsured individuals. Prior to joining the faculty Dr. Jewell was the Director of Quality Management for Sheltering Arms Physical Rehabilitation Centers in Richmond, VA. Currently she serves on the Boards of Directors of Sheltering Arms and the American Physical Therapy Association. Dr. Jewell's primary research interests include practice variation in physical therapy, disparities in access to physical therapy and rehabilitation services, and outcomes of physical therapy care. She has published several peer reviewed articles and is the author of Guide to Evidence-based Physical Therapy Practice (Jones & Bartlett, 2008).

**Mrs. Susan Edgman-Levitan, PA**

Executive Director- John D Stoeckle Center for Primary Care Innovation

Susan Edgman-Levitan, PA, is Executive Director of the John D. Stoeckle Center for Primary Care Innovation at Massachusetts General Hospital. Prior to coming to MGH, she was the founding President of the Picker Institute. Ms. Edgman-Levitan serves on several boards and national advisory committees, including the Foundation for Informed Medical Decision Making, the National Patient Safety Foundation, and the Harvard Institute for Nursing Healthcare Leadership. She serves as the board chair for the Partnership for Clear Health Communication and co-chaired the Annual NPSF Congress on Patient Safety from 2002-2008.

**Dr. Robert Karpman, MD, MBA**

Vice-President Medical Affairs and Chief Quality Officer - Cortland Regional Medical Center

Dr. Karpman is a board certified orthopedic surgeon who has spent the majority of his career in academic medicine, serving as an orthopedic department chair and residency program director. He has co-authored a book on musculoskeletal diseases in the elderly and has published numerous articles in peer-review journals. The majority of his research has been focused on the orthopedic care of geriatric patients and the effects of various orthopedic interventions on clinical and functional outcomes. He is well versed in outcome measurement tools, both in the musculoskeletal and geriatric literature.

**Dr. Silvina Levis-Dusseau, MD**

Director of the Osteoporosis Center - Miami Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Silvina Levis-Dusseau, MD, is Professor of Medicine at the Miller School of Medicine and an Investigator at the Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Center at the Miami VA Medical Center. She received her medical education and post-graduate training in internal medicine and endocrinology at the University of Buenos Aires. She completed her training at the University of Miami, where she has been on the faculty since 1989. In 1994, she developed and since directs the Osteoporosis Center. The center conducts clinical research and provides clinical care for patients with osteoporosis.

**Dr. Catherine H. MacLean, MD, PhD**

Staff Vice President, Provider Performance- WellPoint

Catherine MacLean, MD, PhD serves as Staff Vice-President, Provider Performance at WellPoint, Inc., where she is a lead in the development and implementation of quality metrics including those for Centers of Excellence and quality-based incentive programs. She is an active participant in the national performance assessment arena having chaired or served on numerous quality-related technical expert panels and workgroups for the NIH, CMS, NCQA, NQF and the AQA Alliance. Prior to joining WellPoint, Catherine spent 15 years in academic medicine at UCLA, RAND and the Greater Los Angeles Veterans Health Care System as a rheumatologist and health services researcher. She was an investigator or principal investigator on numerous NIH and AHRQ-funded projects. She has an extensive background in systematic reviews/meta-analyses and the development and application of quality metrics. She retains appointments at RAND, UCLA and the Greater Los Angeles VA Healthcare System, where she is an attending physician in the rheumatology clinic, and as an investigator for the Southern California Evidence Based Practice Center. Catherine obtained her B.S. in Pharmacology at the University of California, Santa Barbara, her M.D. from Washington University in St. Louis and her PhD in Health Services from the University of California, Los Angeles.

**Ms. Debra Palmer, RN, ONC, MSN, FNP-C**

Nurse Practitioner - Kaiser Permanente

Working as an orthopedic nurse has been Debra's passion for over 20 years. She was one of the first Nationally Certified Orthopedic Nurse Practitioners. In 2006 she was instrumental in reactivating the local orthopedic nursing chapter. From 2004-09 she was involved with a large randomized controlled clinical trial which documented the aggressive implementation of Osteoporosis Clinical Practice guidelines resulted in a 30-40 % decrease in hip fracture rates. Currently Debra is in the last two courses of a Doctorate in Nursing Practice program. Upon completion she intends to expand her role in leadership and policy decisions reflecting orthopedic patient care and nursing.

**Dr. Debra L. Sietsema, PhD, RN** Clinical Research Coordinator/ Associate Professor- Orthopaedic Associates of Michigan/ MSU

Dr. Debra Sietsema is a clinical research coordinator at Orthopaedic Associates of Michigan. She has a BSN from University of Michigan, MSN from Grand Valley State University, and PhD from Michigan State University. She continued with a post-doctoral fellowship at University of Illinois at Chicago. She, along with other researchers, has completed several orthopedic fracture outcome studies including osteoporotic fractures, distal radius, acetabulum, tibial plateau, scapula, pelvis, and proximal humerus. She is currently involved in grant funded orthopedic trauma multicenter clinical research outcome studies. Her role includes clinical assessment and evaluation. She is an active member of OTA's Outcomes and Classification Committee and AOA's Own the Bone Steering Committee.