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Panel Bios

Donald M. Steinwachs, Ph.D.

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Dr. Steinwachs is Professor and Director of the Health Services Research and Development Center at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Steinwachs' current research includes identifying opportunities to improve quality of healthcare and patient outcomes and, when feasible, evaluate promising quality improvement interventions. His additional research interests include studies of medical effectiveness and patient outcomes for individuals with specific medical, surgical, and psychiatric conditions. Dr. Steinwachs has contributed to the literature on the impact of managed care and payments systems on access to care, quality, utilization, and costs. Dr. Steinwachs serves as a member of the National Academy of Science's Board on Research Data and Information, the Committee on Research Personnel Needs in Biomedical and Behavioral Sciences, and the Roundtable on Evidence-Based Medicine.

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William Barlow, Ph.D.

Dr. Barlow is the former Principal Investigator of the Statistical Coordinating Center for the Breast Cancer Surveillance Consortium funded by the National Cancer Institute and is currently the Lead Statistician for the Southwest Oncology Group Breast Committee. His areas of focus include statistical design and analysis of clinical trials and population-based epidemiologic studies; effects of treatment on breast cancer survival, and factors that influence breast cancer incidence and diagnosis.

Jennifer Dacey Allen, D.Sc., M.P.H.

Dr. Allen is a scientist in the Center for Community-based Research at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Assistant Professor at the Harvard Medical School, and Adjunct Assistant Professor at the Harvard School of Public Health. Her research program is focused on the development, evaluation and dissemination of community-based interventions to promote use of cancer screening modalities for which benefits are certain, and to facilitate informed decision-making for cancer tests for which there uncertain efficacy. Her work involves community-based participatory research among low-income and ethnically diverse populations.

R. Paul Duncan, Ph.D., M.S.

Dr. Duncan is the Director of the Florida Center for Medicaid and the Uninsured, and is Professor and Chair of the Department of Health Services Research, Management and Policy in the College of Public Health and Health Professions, University of Florida. His research interests include access to care, health insurance, Medicaid, and medical care outcomes for disadvantaged people.

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Leonard E. Egede, M.D., M.S.

Dr. Egede is a Professor of Medicine in the Division of General of Internal Medicine and Geriatrics at the Medical University of South Carolina. He is the Director of the MUSC Center for Health Disparities Research and the Director of the VA HSR&D Research Enhancement Award Program – Center for Disease Prevention and Health Interventions for Diverse Populations. Dr. Egede is a general internist and health services researcher and has participated and led research projects designed to understand racial/ethnic variations in health care. His expertise is in the interplay among psychosocial factors, race/ethnicity, and health outcomes for chronic diseases, and development and testing of interventions to improve health behaviors in ethnic minorities with chronic medical and mental conditions.

Lawrence S. Friedman, M.D.

Dr. Friedman is the Chair of the Department of Medicine at Newton-Wellesley Hospital and Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Tufts University School of Medicine. His main research interest area is gastroenterology.

Nancy L. Keating, M.D., M.P.H.

Dr. Keating is an Associate Professor of Medicine and Health Care Policy at Harvard Medical School and an Associate Physician at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Her research focuses on the quality of care delivered to patients with cancer and the influence of physicians, hospitals, and healthcare systems on care delivery.

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Paula Kim

Ms. Kim is the Chair and Chief Executive Officer of Translating Research Across Communities. Her research activities and areas of focus include working to strengthen cross-sector outreach for improved patient-centered research and care; helping to develop biospecimen-related resources including the first Virtual Tissue Bank for Mesothelioma; and improving outcomes when communicating and disseminating information—especially within underserved populations.

Judith R. Lave, Ph.D.

Dr. Lave is a Professor of Health Economics and Director of the Director of the Pennsylvania Medicaid Policy Center at the University of Pittsburgh. She sits on the Board of Health Services for the IOM. Her main research areas include healthcare financing and organization, healthcare policy, health disparities and underserved populations, intensive care, managed care, mental health, quality of care, and quality improvement.

Thomas A. LaVeist, Ph.D.

Dr. LaVeist is the Director of the Center for Health Disparities Solutions and Professor of Health Policy and Management at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. His areas of research include U.S. health and social policy, the role of race in health research, social factors contributing to mortality, longevity and life expectancy, quantitative and demographic analysis and access, and utilization of health services.

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Roberta B. Ness, M.D., M.P.H.

Dr. Ness is Dean at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health, M. David Low Professor of Public Health, and is a Professor in the Division of Epidemiology and Disease Control. She is also a member of the Institute of Medicine, and a Fellow with the American College of Physicians and American College of Epidemiology. Her main research interests are in women's health, including the epidemiology of ovarian cancer, pre-eclampsia, and pelvic inflammatory disease; adverse pregnancy and perinatal outcomes; links between reproductive history and cardiovascular disease; and bacterial sexually transmitted infections.

Robert J. Optican, M.D.

Dr. Optican is the Director of Thoracic Imaging at the Baptist Memorial Hospital system in Memphis, TN. His clinical interests include cardiac and pulmonary imaging, computed tomography, and magnetic resonance imaging.

Beth A. Virnig, Ph.D., M.P.H.

Dr. Virnig is a Professor and Director of the Program in Public Health and Administration and Policy at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health and co-director of the Cancer Outcomes and Survivorship program at the University of Minnesota Masonic Cancer Center. Her main research interests include differences in end-of-life care between managed care and fee-for-service setting, utility of Medicare administrative data for cancer surveillance, and studies of cancer treatment patterns and outcomes.

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