

# Standing Committee on Primary Care: November Open Meeting

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## Speaker Bios

**Akua Amponsah, MD, FAAP**, is the Associate Division Chief for Population in the Division of Primary Care Pediatrics, and the Medical Lead Physician for the Linden Primary Care Center at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. She is also an Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at The Ohio State University College of Medicine. A board-certified pediatrician and community advocate, Dr. Amponsah completed medical school at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan and did her pediatric training at Children's Hospital of Michigan also in Detroit. Dr. Amponsah's clinical interests include all aspects of general pediatrics, and she is especially interested in child advocacy and the health children in urban settings. She has practiced exclusively in Linden for nearly two decades, and for her outstanding contributions to the children of Central Ohio, Nationwide Children's Hospital awarded Dr. Amponsah with the 2022 Physician of the Year Award.

**Andrea Anderson, MD, M.Ed., FAAFP**, is a family physician and an associate professor at the George Washington School of Medicine and Health Sciences. She is the immediate past chair of the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM), a board member of the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), chair of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Management Committee, a past senior medical education consultant for the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), and a former member of the National Advisory Council of the National Health Service Corps and National Health Service Corps Scholar. At GW, she serves in several roles including as the Associate Chief of the Division of Family Medicine, the chair of the clinical curriculum sub-committee, Director of the Scholarly Concentration in Health Policy, and course director of the required Transitions to Residency internship readiness capstone course.

Throughout her career, Dr. Anderson has been active in DC health policy and medical regulation as well as teaching primary care, ethics, professionalism, and physician advocacy to medical students and residents. She is the Chair of the DC Board of Medicine, licensing and determining regulatory policy for the over 15,000 DC physicians and other licensees. She is a subject matter expert for national advisory committees of the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME), namely the Patient Characteristics Advisory Panel and the Legal/Ethical Task Force. She has served on multiple national advisory committees for the FSMB including chairing the 2024 Workgroup on the Regulation of Physicians in Training and the National Ethics and Professionalism Committee which creates model practice national guidelines for state medical licensing boards. Dr. Anderson is the recipient of the 2022 GW Distinguished Service Award, the 2021 National Exemplary Teaching Award from the American Academy of Family Physicians, the 2019 Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM) Advocate Award, the 2016 Brown School of Medicine Young Alumnae Achievement award, and the 1997 National Health Service Corps Scholarship. She is a current fellow of the Hedwig Van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) program, 2023 graduate of the International Leadership Excellence in Educating for Professionalism (LEEP) Faculty Scholars Program from the Academy for Professionalism in Health Care, a 2018 graduate of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Emerging Leaders Program, and a 2017 graduate of the GW Master Teacher Leadership Development Fellowship.

Dr. Anderson is an alumna of the Program in Liberal Medical Education (PLME) at Brown University and Brown University School of Medicine. She completed a Master's degree of Education at the GW School of Education and Human Development. She completed her Family Medicine residency and Academic Medicine fellowship at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center where she served as the Chief Resident. Following this, she spent 15 years in clinical practice at the Upper Cardozo Health Center, a multi-lingual Federally Qualified Health Center in Washington, DC.

**Margie Clare Andreae, MD**, is Professor Emerita of Pediatrics and former Chief Medical Officer for Revenue Cycle and Billing Compliance for the University of Michigan Medical Center. She led several health system committees focused on

clinical revenue enhancement and professional and facility billing compliance. She is a recipient of the Dean's Award for Clinical Excellence and is named in the top teachers of her department.

Dr. Andreae is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and past Chair and current member of the Committee on Coding and Nomenclature. She served on the Editorial Review Board for *Pediatrics in Review*, and is the past Editor-in-Chief of the AAP Coding Publications Editorial Advisory Board providing oversight for the annual *Coding for Pediatrics* manual and the monthly *Pediatric Coding Newsletter*. She is the Academy's representative to the AMA Relative Value Update Committee (RUC) where she was part of the 12-member national workgroup that re-wrote the evaluation and management CPT codes in 2021 and 2023.

Dr. Andreae serves in an advisory role both locally and nationally regarding compensation programs and billing and coding practices. She has given invited presentations on faculty compensation and physician billing. Her work in this area is published in peer reviewed journals.

**Michael Barry, MD**, directs the Informed Medical Decisions Program at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH). Dr. Barry is a past president of the Society for Medical Decision Making and the Society of General Internal Medicine. He served as president of the Informed Medical Decisions Foundation. He is a Master of the American College of Physicians. He previously served as chief of the MGH General Medicine Unit. Dr. Barry also served on the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force from 2017-2024. He practiced adult primary care for over 40 years.

**Tumaini Rucker Coker, MD, MBA**, is Department Chair for Pediatrics and Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Hawai'i. She also serves as Chief of Pediatrics for Hawai'i Pacific Health Medical Group. As a general pediatrician and community-engaged health services researcher, her research focuses on community-partnered pediatric primary care delivery design to promote health equity and eliminate health and healthcare disparities for children and families in low-income communities. Dr. Coker leads a successful and extramurally-funded research program with a focus on community-engaged design, adaptation, testing, and dissemination of preventive care delivery models. She previously served as the founding Research Director of the Health Equity Research Program at Seattle Children's Center for Diversity and Health Equity, and the Co-Director of the University of Washington's NIH-funded Child Health Equity Research Fellowship. Dr. Coker is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine, and previously served as chair for the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's (NASEM) Committee on Addressing the Long-Term Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Children and Families, as a committee member for the of the committee for the NASEM consensus report, Implementing High-Quality Primary Care: Rebuilding the Foundation of Health Care, and is a member of the NASEM Standing Committee on Primary Care. Dr. Coker is also a member of the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF).

**Darrell M. Gray II, MD, MPH**, is President and CEO of Wellpoint Maryland, one of the largest Medicaid managed care organizations in Maryland and wholly owned subsidiary of Elevance Health. In this role, Dr. Gray works to ensure Wellpoint's members have access to high-quality care, achieve optimal whole health outcomes, and have an exceptional consumer experience.

Dr. Gray previously served as the inaugural chief health equity officer of Elevance Health, during which time he successfully led the execution of the enterprise's first comprehensive strategies to advance health equity through a whole-health approach (addressing physical, behavioral, social and pharmacy needs) across Elevance Health's tens of millions of members. Notably, his efforts led to Elevance Health attaining the full, three-year National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Health Equity Accreditation for 22 of their Medicaid health plans in 2022 and Health Equity Plus Accreditation in 2023 including Wellpoint Maryland, an industry-first.

Prior to joining Elevance Health, Dr. Gray was an associate professor of medicine at The Ohio State University, where he served as a practicing gastroenterologist at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center and deputy director of the Center for Cancer Health Equity at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center. His work leveraged meaningful partnerships across public and private sectors in Ohio and nationally to reduce health inequities and address health-related social needs among diverse populations.

Additionally, Dr. Gray is co-founder of the Association of Black Gastroenterologists and Hepatologists and is a member of the Founding Advisory Board for Meharry School of Global Health. He has published widely, including high-impact peer-reviewed journals such as New England Journal of Medicine, Nature Reviews, Lancet, and Cancer. Dr. Gray has also been featured in media outlets such as The New York Times, USA Today, and Forbes. He's received numerous awards including the National Minority Quality Forum 40 Under 40 Leader in Minority Health Award, the Ohio Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Health Equity and Awareness Award, and the Healio Disruptive Innovators Health Equity Award. Nonetheless, he cites his roles as husband to Brittney and father to Harper, Ella, Noah, and Zoë as his crowning achievements.

Dr. Gray is a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and graduate of Morehouse College and Howard University College of Medicine. He completed his residency at Duke University Medical Center and gastroenterology fellowship at Washington University, subsequently earning a master's degree in public health at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health as a Commonwealth Fund Fellow.

**Benjamin Hoffman, MD, FAAP, CPST-I**, is a semi-native of New Mexico. He majored in Anthropology at the University of California at Berkeley and attended Harvard Medical School. He completed residency training, and a year as Chief Resident, at Seattle Children's Hospital. Following training, he and his wife, Jane, also a pediatrician, spent 4 years on the Navajo Nation with the Indian Health Service, where he worked with the community to develop a child passenger safety program.

Dr. Ben is a nationally recognized expert in child injury prevention, and leader in the field of community health and advocacy training for pediatricians. He is a Professor of Pediatrics at Doernbecher Children's Hospital and Oregon Health and Science University. There, he is the Vice-Chair for Advocacy, Director of the Oregon Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs, and Medical Director of the Tom Sargent Safety Center. He is the Immediate Past-President of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

**Lauren S. Hughes, MD, MPH, MSc, MHCDS, FAAFP**, is a family physician working as the State Policy Director of the Farley Health Policy Center and an Associate Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Colorado. In these roles, she leads efforts to generate and translate evidence to inform the design and implementation of evidence-based health policy at the state, national, and federal levels. She participates in the Primary Care Centers Roundtable, a volunteer collective of all of the primary care research and policy centers in the United States. Her research interests include improving rural health care delivery; strengthening primary care infrastructure; and advancing behavioral health integration. She cares for patients at a rural federally qualified health center (FQHC) north of Denver. Dr. Hughes previously served as Deputy Secretary for Health Innovation in the Pennsylvania Department of Health. In this role, she collaborated with the CMS Innovation Center (CMMI) to co-design and launch the Pennsylvania Rural Health Model, a new payment and delivery model that transitions rural hospitals from fee-for-service to multi-payer global budgets and transforms how they deliver care to better meet community health needs. She also oversaw the creation of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program for the Commonwealth and led the Department to full accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board.

In 2018, Dr. Hughes was selected by Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush as a Presidential Leadership Scholar. From 2022 – 23, she served as chair of the American Board of Family Medicine Board of Directors. She also serves on the boards of directors of the Rural Health Redesign Center Organization and the American Medical Student Association Foundation. She is a member of the Primary Care Payment Reform Collaborative through the Colorado Division of Insurance and the Stakeholder Advisory Group for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality National Center for Excellence in Primary Care Research. Dr. Hughes is a former Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholar at the University of Michigan, where she earned an MSc in health services research. She also holds a medical degree from the University of Iowa, an MPH in health policy from The George Washington University, and a master's in health care delivery science from Dartmouth College and completed residency at the University of Washington. Since 2021, Dr. Hughes has been a member of the National Academies Board on Health Care Services.

**Alex Krist, MD, MPH**, is a professor of family medicine and population health at Virginia Commonwealth University and an active clinician and teacher at the Fairfax Family Practice Residency. He is the director of the Virginia Ambulatory Care Outcomes Research Network, director of community-engaged research at the Center for Clinical and Translational Research and is past chairperson for the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. Dr. Krist's areas of interest include implementation of preventive recommendations, patient-centered care, shared decision making, cancer screening, and health information technology. He is the primary author of numerous peer-reviewed publications and has presented to a

wide range of audiences at national and international conferences.

Dr. Krist completed his Doctor of Medicine at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. Dr. Krist was elected to NAM in 2018, was a member of the committee that produced *Implementing High-Quality Primary Care: Rebuilding the Foundation of Health Care* and was co-chair of the committee that produced *Achieving Whole Health: A New Approach for Veterans and the Nation*.

**Michael Maciosek, PhD**, is a health economist and Senior Research Investigator at the HealthPartners Institute for Education and Research in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Dr. Maciosek has over 25 years of experience conducting health policy analyses and economic evaluations of preventive services and quality improvement programs. He has led economic analyses of NIH-funded studies of tobacco control policies, screening for cognitive impairment, genetic testing in colorectal cancer treatment and prevention, cardiovascular care improvement programs, telemonitoring-assisted hypertension management, and collaborative care for depression management. Dr. Maciosek is currently the PI of “The Interplay of ENDS and Tobacco Control Policy: Impact on the Population Harms of Tobacco,” (R01CA263542) and is leading an evaluation of the financial stress of diabetes among patients using and not use continuous glucose monitoring to help manage their care. He previously developed and applied standardized methods for economic evaluations for the Task Force on Community Preventive Services, and he led the team that conducted analyses for the National Commission on Prevention Priorities and the US Preventive Services Task Force’s updated recommendation on aspirin use to prevent cardiovascular disease and colorectal cancer in 2016 and 2022.

**James M. Perrin, MD**, is professor of pediatrics emeritus at Harvard Medical School and former director of the Division of General Pediatrics at MassGeneral Brigham for Children. He was president of the American Academy of Pediatrics, chair of its Committee on Children with Disabilities, and current chair of its Committee on Child Health Financing. He is also a past president of the Ambulatory (Academic) Pediatric Association. Dr. Perrin was founding editor of *Academic Pediatrics*. His recent focus has addressed improving Medicaid for younger people in Massachusetts and nationally. He received a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Investigator Award in Health Policy Research and was a member of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality National Advisory Council. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine. He graduated from Harvard College and Case Western Reserve School of Medicine, followed by residency and fellowship at the University of Rochester and had faculty appointments at Rochester and Vanderbilt. While at Rochester, he developed a community health center in rural communities between Rochester and Buffalo.

**Curtis Toma, MD**, has served as the Hawaii Medicaid Medical Director since 2011. Hawaii Medicaid oversees \$2.6 B annually in Medicaid contracts to health plans. Dr. Toma assists with the clinical oversight of the program, and as a liaison to providers in the community. In addition, Dr. Toma had the privilege of working with the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency during the COVID-19 response and Maui Fires recovery. Served on the steering committee for the national Medicaid Medical Directors Network (MMDN) comprised of fellow state Medicaid medical directors.

**Mary K. Wakefield, PhD, RN, FAAN**, serves on a number of non-profit and government boards and committees including the Macy Foundation, the University of Washington Medical Advisory Board, MITRE Health Advisory Committee and Executive Board, and the UC Davis Moore Fellowship for Nurse Leaders. From the fall of 2022 through early 2023 she was a temporary HHS appointee serving as Senior Counselor to the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In 2021 she served as Senior Counselor to the HHS Secretary for the Unaccompanied Children program operated by the Administration for Families and Children. In the fall of 2020, she was a member of then President-elect Biden’s Transition team. In March 2015, Dr. Wakefield was named by President Obama to serve as the Acting Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the second most senior position in the Department. She held this position through January 20, 2017. She led strategic Department-wide initiatives in key health policy areas, with a particular focus on health and human service programs for vulnerable populations. Her domestic policy work largely focused on improving health status for underserved populations, including strengthening health programs for American Indians and Alaska Natives and improving data analysis to better understand the health needs of rural populations. From 2009 to 2015, Dr. Wakefield led and initiated program improvements as the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to further strengthen the health care workforce, build healthier communities, increase health equity, and provide health care services to people who are geographically isolated, economically or medically vulnerable. Dr. Wakefield’s public service career also includes over eight years working in the United States Senate as a legislative assistant and later as chief of staff to two North Dakota senators.

Dr. Wakefield has extensive academic experience, including serving as associate dean for rural health at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences University of North Dakota, director of the Center for Health Policy, Research and Ethics at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., and as a faculty member and area chair in the College of Nursing, University of North Dakota. Additionally, she worked on site as a consultant to the World Health Organization's Global Programme on AIDS in Geneva, Switzerland. Dr. Wakefield is a member of the National Academy of Medicine (formerly the Institute of Medicine) and a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. She has served on a number of public and not for profit boards and committees bringing expertise in nursing, health care quality and access to care and health workforce. Dr. Wakefield served on the IOM committee that produced the landmark reports *To Err is Human* and *Crossing the Quality Chasm*. She also co-chaired the IOM committee that produced the report *Health Professions Education a Bridge to Quality* and chaired the committee that produced the report *Quality through Collaboration: Health Care in Rural America*.