

## Speakers Biographical Information

### Keynote Speakers



**David Reuben, M.D.**, is Director, Multicampus Program in Geriatrics Medicine and Gerontology and Chief, Division of Geriatrics at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Center for Health Sciences. He is the Archstone Foundation Chair and Professor at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and Director of the UCLA Alzheimer's and Dementia Care program. Dr. Reuben is a past President of the American Geriatrics Society and the Association of Directors of Geriatric Academic Programs. He served for 8 years on the American Board of Internal Medicine's Board of Directors, including as Chair from 2010-2011. Since 2016, Dr. has served as a trustee of the American Board of Internal Medicine Foundation. In 2000, Dr. Reuben received the Dennis H. Jahnigen Memorial Award for outstanding contributions to education in the field of geriatrics and, in 2008, he received the Joseph T. Freeman Award from the Gerontological Society of America. He was part of the team that received the 2008 John M. Eisenberg Patient Safety and Quality

Award for Research – Joint Commission and National Quality Forum, for Assessing Care of the Vulnerable Elderly. In 2012, he received the Henderson award from the American Geriatrics Society. In 2012, Dr. Reuben received one of the first CMMI Innovations Challenge awards to develop a model program to provide comprehensive, coordinated care for patients with Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias. In 2014, he was one of three principal investigators to be awarded a multicenter clinical trial (STRIDE) by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) and the National Institute on Aging (NIA) to reduce serious falls related injuries; it is the largest grant that PCORI has awarded. In 2018, he was awarded a multi-site PCORI- and NIA-funded pragmatic trial to compare the effectiveness of health system-based dementia care versus community-based dementia care versus usual care. Dr. Reuben was co-chair of the 2020 National Research Summit in Care, Services, and Supports for Persons with Dementia and their Caregivers. He is a member of the National Advisory Council on Aging for the National Institute on Aging. Dr. Reuben continues to provide primary care for frail older persons, including attending on inpatient and geriatric psychiatry units at UCLA, and making house calls. In his spare time, Dr. Reuben has written seven plays and lyrics for more than 20 songs with composer Sidney Sharp. A compilation of the first 10 has been recorded.



**Meena Seshamani, M.D., Ph.D.** is an accomplished, strategic leader with a deep understanding of health economics and a heart-felt commitment to outstanding patient care. Her diverse background as a health care executive, health economist, physician and health policy expert has given her a unique perspective on how health policy impacts the real lives of patients. She most recently served as Vice President of Clinical Care Transformation at MedStar Health, where she conceptualized, designed, and implemented population health and value-based care initiatives and served on the senior leadership of the 10 hospital, 300+ outpatient care site health system. The care models and service lines under her leadership, including community health, geriatrics, and palliative care, have been nationally recognized by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement and others. She also cared for patients

as an Assistant Professor of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the Georgetown University School of Medicine. Dr. Seshamani also brings decades of policy experience to her role, including recently serving on the leadership of the Biden-Harris Transition HHS Agency Review Team. Prior to MedStar Health, she was Director of the Office of Health Reform at the US Department of Health and Human Services, where she drove strategy and led implementation of the Affordable Care Act across the Department, including coverage policy, delivery system reform, and public health policy. She received her B.A. with Honors in Business Economics from Brown University, her M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, and her Ph.D. in Health Economics from the University of Oxford, where she was a Marshall Scholar. She completed her residency training in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and practiced as a head and neck surgeon at Kaiser Permanente in San Francisco.

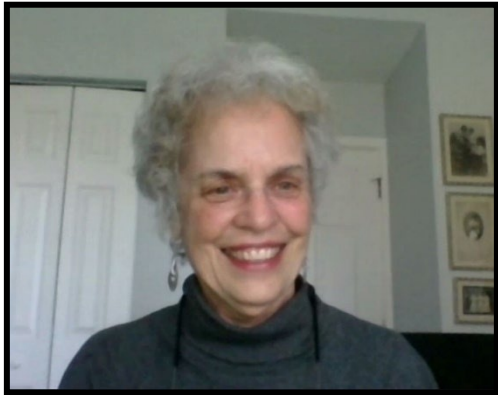
## Session 1: Betty Ferrell, Lisa Gwyther, Eric Schneider



**Betty Ferrell, RN, Ph.D., FAAN**, has been in nursing for 44 years and has focused her clinical expertise and research in pain management, quality of life, and palliative care. Dr. Ferrell is the Director of Nursing Research & Education and a Professor at the City of Hope Medical Center in Duarte, California. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and she has over 480 publications in peer-reviewed journals and texts. She is Principal Investigator of the “End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC)” project. She directs several other funded projects related to palliative care in cancer centers and QOL issues. Dr. Ferrell was Co-Chairperson of the National Consensus Project for Quality Palliative Care. Dr. Ferrell completed a Masters degree in Theology, Ethics and Culture from Claremont Graduate University in 2007. She has authored eleven books including the Oxford Textbook of Palliative Nursing (5th Edition, 2019) published by

Oxford University Press. She is co-author of the text, *The Nature of Suffering and the Goals of Nursing* published in 2008 by Oxford University Press and *Making Health Care Whole: Integrating Spirituality into*

Patient Care (Templeton Press, 2010). In 2013 Dr. Ferrell was named one of the 30 Visionaries in the field by the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. In 2019 she was elected a member of the National Academy of Medicine. In 2021 Dr. Ferrell received the Oncology Nursing Society Lifetime Achievement Award and she was inducted as a “Living Legend” by the American Academy of Nursing.



**Lisa P. Gwyther, M.S.W., LCSW** is a clinical social worker with forty-two years of experience working with older adults and dementia-specific services. She is an Associate Professor Emerita at the Duke School of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, and a Senior Fellow at Duke University's Center for Aging. Ms Gwyther is the founding director (1980) of the Duke Dementia Family Support Program, a community-based program offering education, consultation, support and engagement opportunities for individuals living with dementia, their families and the professionals serving them. Program services are provided at no cost and are not limited to Duke

patients. Ms Gwyther was principal investigator for education, minority engagement and outreach for an NIA Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at Duke from 1985-2011. Her 160 peer-reviewed research articles, books, award-winning documentary films and book chapters focus on developing and testing effective educational and support strategies targeting individuals living with dementia and their families to improve the quality of care and decision-making for individuals while reducing the negative health, emotional and financial consequences for families providing that care. Ms. Gwyther served on two recent American Bar Association (ABA) panels representing interests of families of persons living with dementia, and she currently serves on the ABA Commission on Law and Aging. She was a consensus panelist on the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) 2016 report, *Families Caring for an Aging America*, and she co-chaired the North Carolina 2016 Dementia-Capable NC State Plan. Ms. Gwyther was the first John Heinz Congressional Fellow in Health and Aging, and she served for nine years on the first U.S. federal Alzheimer's Advisory Panel. Ms. Gwyther was named the 2019 NC Pioneer in Aging by the NC Coalition on Aging representing all state aging services, policy and advocacy organizations. She is a former president of the Gerontological Society of America.



**Eric Schneider, M.D., M.Sc.** leads NCQA's measurement, research and contracting agenda as Executive Vice President of the Quality Measurement and Research Group. In this role, he helps drive NCQA's efforts to create a more equitable health care system and to advance the move to digital quality measurement. Dr. Schneider came to NCQA from The Commonwealth Fund, where he was Senior Vice President for Policy and Research and a member of its executive management team. He has a long history with NCQA, most recently as Co-Chair of its Committee on Performance Measurement. He served on that committee for more than 10 years, including nine as Co-Chair. Prior to his tenure at The Commonwealth Fund, Dr. Schneider was principal researcher at the RAND Corporation and held the RAND Distinguished Chair in Health Care Quality. As the first director of Rand's Boston office, Schneider built its highly regarded multidisciplinary team of health services researchers. As a

professor at the T.H. Chan Harvard School of Public Health and Harvard Medical School Eric taught health policy and practiced primary care internal medicine for 25 years. Widely regarded as one of the nation's preeminent health services researchers, Dr. Schneider has authored more than 125 published peer-reviewed research investigations and dozens of other scientific or medical research publications, reviews, chapters, editorials, and more. His work has focused on four aspects of health care quality — performance measurement methods; evaluation of quality and safety measurement in public reporting and financial incentive programs; use of health care quality measures to assess racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic disparities in health care quality; and evaluation of innovative approaches in health insurance, organization and financing of health care, and the organization of health care delivery. Dr. Schneider trained in health services research, public health and primary care general internal medicine. He holds a Bachelor of Science, cum laude, in biology from Columbia University and a Master of Science from the University of California, Berkeley. He earned his medical degree from the University of California, San Francisco. He is a member of the AcademyHealth Board of Directors and a fellow of both the American College of Physicians and the National Academy of Social Insurance.

**Session 2: Emily Largent, Amol Navathe, Tisamarie Sherry, Bruce Vladeck**



**Emily Largent, J.D. Ph.D., RN**, is the Emanuel and Robert Hart Assistant Professor of Medical Ethics and Health Policy; she holds a secondary appointment at Penn Law. Dr. Largent's work explores ethical and regulatory aspects of human subjects research and the translation of research findings into care with a particular focus on Alzheimer's disease and patient-caregiver dyad. Her research is supported by the National Institute on Aging and the Greenwall Foundation.



**Amol Navathe, M.D., Ph.D.**, is co-Director of the Healthcare Transformation Institute and Director of the Payment Insights Team at the University of Pennsylvania, where he is also an Associate Director of the Center for Health Incentives and Behavioral Economics. He is also physician and core investigator at the Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center. He is a Commissioner of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC), a non-partisan agency that advises the US Congress on Medicare policy, and serves as an advisor to the governments of Singapore and Canada on health care financing and delivery models. Dr. Navathe also is a co-founder of Embedded Healthcare, a healthcare technology company that brings behavioral economics solutions to improving health care affordability and quality. Dr. Navathe is a leading scholar on payment model design and evaluation, particularly bundled payments. His scholarship is unique because of its bi-directional translation between scientific discovery and real-world practice, including focus on: (1) the impact of value based care

and payment models on health care value; (2) financial and non-financial incentive design, including applications of behavioral economics, to drive clinician practice change; and (3) a mix of pragmatic clinical trials and observational data analyses. He has published over 100 peer-reviewed articles in *Science*, *The New England Journal of Medicine*, *The Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*, *Health Affairs*, and other leading journals, as well as *The New York Times* and other news outlets. Dr. Navathe completed medical school at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and internal medicine residency at the Brigham and Women's Hospital at Harvard Medical School. He obtained his PhD in Health Care Management and Economics from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.





**Tisamarie Sherry, M.D., Ph.D.** is a Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) at the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). ASPE conducts policy research, coordinates policy across HHS, and advises the Secretary of HHS on policy development. Dr. Sherry leads ASPE's Office of Behavioral Health, Disability and Aging Policy, which also coordinates dementia care research and policy across HHS through its role overseeing implementation of the National Alzheimer's Project Act, including convening the Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care and Services, and updating the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease. Her previous experience includes working as a policy researcher at the RAND Corporation, and as a primary care physician. Dr. Sherry is a health economist and general internist whose research has investigated

health care delivery, financing, and policy strategies to improve the health and economic status of adults with chronic medical conditions. Dr. Sherry has also served as a fellow with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Global AIDS Program, and has served on the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine's Committee on Identifying Disabling Medical Conditions Likely to Improve with Treatment. She received her A.B. in molecular biology and public policy from Princeton University, her M.D. and Ph.D. in health policy (concentrating in economics) from Harvard University, and completed residency training in internal medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital.



**Bruce C. Vladeck** currently serves as a Senior Advisor to the Greater New York Hospital Association and LiveOnNewYork, and as a consultant to a number of other health care organizations. He is Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Medicare Rights Center, and serves on the boards of Penn Medicine and the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital. During his professional career, Vladeck held a number of senior positions, including: Assistant Commissioner, New Jersey State Department of Health; President, United Hospital Fund ; Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration (now called CMS); Senior Vice President, Mount Sinai Medical Center; and Interim President, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. At the Health Care Financing Administration, Vladeck was the principal federal official responsible for

Medicare and Medicaid; of his many accomplishments in that position, he is proudest of refocusing the organization on services to beneficiaries. Previously, Vladeck also served as full-time faculty at Columbia University and the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, and as a trustee or director of many organizations, including New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation, Ascension Health, the Hadassah Hospital, the Kaiser Family Foundation, Health Care for the Homeless, the Primary Care Development Corporation; and

the March of Dimes. He is also an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine, the New York Academy of Medicine, and the National Academy of Social Insurance. Vladeck received his BA, magna cum laude, from Harvard College, and an MA and PhD in Political Science from the University of Michigan. He is the author of *Unloving Care: The Nursing Home Tragedy* (Basic Books, 1980), still considered the standard reference on nursing home policy in the United States, and of more than one hundred articles in the professional literature.

### Session 3: Jennie Chin Hansen, Peter Hollmann, Hyobum Jang, Julie Robison



**Jennie Chin Hansen** is the immediate past CEO of the American Geriatrics Society, the largest professional membership organization of gero-clinicians committed to the care of older adults living with care complexity. Prior to this position she completed her role as president of the 38 million member AARP during the negotiations and development of the Affordable Care Act. She currently contributes in content areas of dementia, workforce, chronic complex care and health equity. Her primary career includes nearly 25 years in San Francisco providing integrated, globally financed and comprehensive medical and community-based service, including home care sites, for nursing home eligible older persons. Its groundbreaking fully capitated, integrated and coordinated service delivery system became the prototype for the 1997 federal law that established the Program of All Inclusive Care to the Elderly (PACE) into the Medicare and Medicaid programs. PACE now operates extensively in California

and in 30 other states. She has served as a federal commissioner on MedPAC (Medicare policy and payment) and serves/served recently on several boards related health care and philanthropy (including twelve years on the SCAN Foundation). In 2021 she completed her formal role as one of the Stakeholders who crafted the first ever California MasterPlan for Aging.



**Peter Hollmann, M.D.**, is Chief Medical Officer for Brown Medicine, the practice group of the Brown University, Warren Alpert School of Medicine Department of Medicine. Until 2015, he was Associate Chief Medical Officer for Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island. He has a part time geriatric primary care practice in RI. He has over 30 years of experience in medical management, including as a medical director of an HMO with a Medicare product, a Medicaid plan, and a commercial PPO. He has been a long-term care hospital, nursing home, home care and Medicare shared savings program ACO medical director. He chairs the American Geriatrics Society (AGS) committee that works on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule, is a member of

the AGS Beers criteria panel and is the AGS Board Chair. He has been active in creating geriatric measures for Medicare and NCQA. He is past Chair of the CPT Editorial Panel and currently Vice Chair of the RBRVS Update Committee (RUC). He is Chair of the HRSA Council on Graduate Medical Education (COGME). His major duties presently involve practice transformation, development of systems of care and population management. Much of his career has been devoted to quality improvement at the local and national level.



**Hyobum Jang M.D., M.P.H.**, is a Technical Officer responsible for long-term care, in the Ageing and Health Unit, WHO. Dr Jang joined WHO in 2015 and has worked at global, regional and country levels, in the Philippines, Samoa, and Fiji, and now WHO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. His professional experience covers a wide range of health programme areas including community-based primary health care, non-communicable diseases, climate change and health, sexual and reproductive health and rights, and most recently healthy ageing and long-term care. Dr Jang received his medical degree from Seoul University College of Medicine and masters' degree in public health from Harvard School of Public Health.





**Julie Robison, PhD.**, is a Professor of Medicine in the Center on Aging at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. Dr. Robison conducts evidence-based health services research and intervention studies focused on aging families; long term services, supports and policy; dementia and health disparities using quantitative and qualitative research methods. She completed her Ph.D. at Cornell University and a post-doctoral fellowship in the epidemiology of aging at the Yale School of Medicine. Her work has been funded since 1997 by a range of sources including the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Administration on Community Living, Connecticut State Agencies and the State Legislature, medical research foundations, and the National Institutes of Health. The results of her work directly impact the implementation of policies and programs that serve extremely vulnerable populations in Connecticut and nationally. She

has served as Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigator on over 50 funded research studies and regularly present research findings in national and community forums. She has published over 55 scientific articles and book chapters as well as over 70 legislative and policy reports.

#### **Session 4: Helen Lamont, Sarah Lenz Lock, Kate McEvoy, Leslie Pelton**



**Helen Lamont** is the Director of the Division of Disability and Aging Policy where she manages a team of professional staff that conduct policy analysis, research and evaluation related to disability, aging, and long-term care issues and programs. Helen also leads the implementation of the National Alzheimer's Project Act, coordinating both the Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care, and Services as well as an interagency group that writes the annual National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease. Helen also leads a portfolio of research in dementia, including a project to examine use of inpatient psychiatric facilities by people with dementia. She works on family and informal caregiving, as well as elder justice and adult maltreatment. Helen has worked across the Department on disability data issues and has a current project to explore the feasibility of using an internet panel study to collect data on disability. She joined ASPE in 2007 and has a PhD in Aging Studies from the University of South Florida and a

BS in Human Development from Duke University.



**Sarah Lenz Lock** is Senior Vice President for Policy and Brain Health in AARP's Policy, Research and International Affairs Department. Ms. Lock leads AARP's policy initiatives on brain health and care for people living with dementia, including serving as the Executive Director of the Global Council on Brain Health, an independent collaborative of scientists, doctors, and policy experts. Ms. Lock also coordinates AARP's role in the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations. Previously at AARP, Sarah directed the Office of Policy Development and Integration, where she led the office responsible for the development of AARP's public policies. Her first role at AARP was as a Senior Attorney/Manager at AARP Foundation Litigation conducting health care impact litigation on behalf of older persons. She has authored

numerous amicus briefs in appellate courts all over the country on health care issues impacting older Americans. Ms. Lock is a frequent writer and public speaker on issues related to healthy aging. She has been quoted or appeared in numerous media outlets including The New York Times, NPR, The Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal, CBS News, the Baltimore Sun, and the Chicago Tribune.



**Kate McEvoy, J.D.**, is a program officer for the Milbank Memorial Fund. In this capacity, she leads the Fund's state leadership programs and network and guides the Fund's healthy aging work. Ms. McEvoy was previously director of health services in the Connecticut Department of Social Services, where she oversaw care delivery and payment reform work in Medicaid, CHIP, and long-term services and supports. She is a former president and vice president of the National Association of Medicaid Directors Board of Directors and served on the steering committee of the Reforming States Group, the predecessor to the Milbank State Leadership Network. She also contributed to state health reform initiatives as assistant comptroller for the State of Connecticut. An elder law attorney by training, Ms. McEvoy spent her early career working for a regional

Agency on Aging and as a legislative liaison for the Connecticut Association of Area Agencies on Aging. She is a past chair of the Elder Law Section of the Connecticut Bar Association, is the author of a treatise on elder law, and led several major coalition-based projects around advance directives. She has a JD from the University of Connecticut School of Law and a BA in English and Economics from Oberlin College.



**Leslie Pelton, M.P.A.**, is an outcome-oriented leader who catalyzes innovation in health systems and transforms passion into impactful action. Throughout her twenty-four year career, Leslie has brought these talents to the improvement of health and health care of adults of all ages in community, health care practice, hospital and nursing home-based care. Leslie listens deeply to the challenges that executives and front line teams face. She collaboratively designs responses and leads the application of improvement science to build on will and drive improved outcomes. Leslie is a nationally recognized leader in the Age-Friendly Health Systems movement improving the health and health care of older adults across the US. With funders, national partners, leading health systems and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement team, she designed

the campaign that has resulted in improved care of older adults in 1000 places of care across the US. Throughout her career, Leslie has consulted with major academic medical centers including building new models of integrating research, clinical care and policy resulting in improved outcomes. She built and led her own consulting firm and served as faculty for the Institute for Healthcare Improvement. Leslie also built a practice at Deloitte Consulting addressing the human factors associated with strategy and operational innovations.