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Harnessing Evidence to Redesign Primary Care

MODERATOR



Ann O'Malley, Mathematica Policy Research

Ann S. O'Malley is a senior fellow at Mathematica Policy Research and deputy director of the Center on Health Care Effectiveness. Dr. O'Malley conducts both qualitative and quantitative research on primary health care. She focuses on research to support primary care practices so they can provide more coordinated and comprehensive care, particularly for patients with multiple chronic conditions. Among her current projects are two evaluations at Mathematica: the evaluation of the Chronic Care Management Fee Uptake and Dissemination under the 2015 Physician Fee Schedule, and the evaluation of the implementation of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid's Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative. She also studies the barriers and facilitators to evidence-based decision making at the point of care. She is board certified in preventive medicine and public health, has clinical training in pediatrics and preventive medicine, and completed a National Research Service Award fellowship in primary care research. She obtained her M.D. from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and her M.P.H. from the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health.

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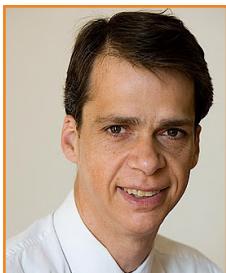
Randall Brown is an expert in research design and health care policy. Brown is nationally known for his evaluations of programs that are designed to manage disease and coordinate care for Medicare beneficiaries, as well as his studies of long-term care and Medicare managed care. Brown was the senior author of a paper on care coordination, published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, which was awarded Best Paper in 2009 by both AcademyHealth and the National Institute for Health Care Management. He is currently leading two major evaluations for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services—the evaluation of the Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative, a program to improve primary care; and the evaluation of the Health Care Innovation Awards, Round 2. He has a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Wisconsin.



Nancy McCall, Mathematica Policy Research

Nancy McCall, a Mathematica senior fellow, has 30 years of experience conducting successful health services research assessing the effects of health system transformation on quality of care, health care utilization, costs, and health outcomes. She has extensive experience leading successful evaluations of health care delivery and payment reform demonstrations that require the use of rigorous quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods and analysis of a broad set of outcomes using an array of quantitative data, including Medicare, Medicaid, commercial, and all-payer claims databases. Currently, she is co-principal investigator for the CMS-funded evaluation of the 39 Round 2 Health Care Innovation Awards. In collaboration with the Milbank Memorial Fund, she directs a project assessing the performance of Multi-State Collaborative members' initiatives in the areas of clinical quality, health care utilization and cost, and patient satisfaction. Before joining Mathematica, McCall was a cardiac research nurse at Brigham and Women's Hospital and primary nurse at the Sidney Farber Cancer Institute, both in Boston, Massachusetts. She also served as an assistant research professor in the Clinical Economics Research Unit at Georgetown University Medical Center and as an economist at the Health Care Financing Administration. She holds a B.S. in nursing from Purdue University, an M.S. in health policy, and a Sc.D. in health economics from the Harvard School of Public Health.

DISCUSSANTS



Christopher F. Koller, Milbank Memorial Fund

Christopher F. Koller is president of the Milbank Memorial Fund. Before joining the Fund, he served the state of Rhode Island as the country's first state health insurance commissioner. Under Koller's leadership, the Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner was nationally recognized for its rate review process and its efforts to use insurance regulation to promote payment reform, primary care revitalization, and health care delivery system transformation. Before serving as health insurance commissioner, Koller was the CEO of Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island. Mr. Koller has masters' degrees in management and religion from Yale University. A member of the IOM Committee on Essential Health Benefits, he serves in numerous national and state health policy advisory capacities. Mr. Koller is also adjunct professor of community health in the School of Public Health at Brown University.



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Lisa Dulsky Watkins, MD is the director of the Milbank Memorial Fund Multi-State Collaborative, a consortium of 18 state and regional multi-payer programs designed to transform primary care. She is actively engaged in advocacy for new and continued support for these efforts and other innovations at the state and federal levels. She is the former chief of operations for the Vermont Blueprint for Health, one of the founding members of the Collaborative. She received her M.D. from the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and her B.S. from the City College of New York. She completed her internship and residency in pediatrics at the University of Vermont College of Medicine and was in primary care practice as a board-certified pediatrician in Middlebury and Essex Junction, Vermont.



Renee Mentnech, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

Renee Mentnech has been with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) since 1988, and has served the agency in a variety of positions including as a Social Science Research analyst, Special Assistant to the Office Director, and as a manager for the last 17 years. She is a nurse by training and has a graduate degree in Health Policy from the University of Maryland. Currently, Mentnech is the Director of the Research and Rapid Cycle Evaluations Group; Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation. The Research and Evaluation Group includes a staff of over 40 Masters and PhD level economists, health services researchers, epidemiologists, sociologists, pharmacists, and other clinicians. Mentnech provides leadership and executive direction within CMS for a wide range of health care financing research activities.

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