

Robert Berenson, M.D.

Robert Berenson, M.D., is an Institute Fellow at the Urban Institute. He is an expert in health care policy, particularly Medicare, with experience practicing medicine, serving in senior positions in two Administrations, and helping organize and manage a successful preferred provider organization. From 1998-2000, he was in charge of Medicare payment policy and private health plan contracting in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Previously, he served as an Assistant Director of the Carter White House Domestic Policy Staff and recently was a member of the Obama transition team. Effective July 2009, Dr. Berenson became a Commissioner of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC).

Dr. Berenson is a board-certified internist who practiced for twenty years, the last twelve in a Washington, D.C. group practice, and is Fellow of the American College of Physicians. He was co-author, with Walter Zelman, of *The Managed Care Blues & How to Cure Them*, and, with Rick Mayes, *Medicare Payment Policy and the Shaping of U.S. Health Care*. He is a graduate of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine and on the faculty at the George Washington University Schools of Medicine and Public Health and the Fuqua School of Business at Duke.

Carolyn M. Clancy, M.D.

Carolyn M. Clancy, M.D. is the director of **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), U. S. Department of Health and Human Services.**

Carolyn M. Clancy, M.D., was appointed Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) on February 5, 2003. Prior to her appointment, Dr. Clancy served as the Agency's Acting Director and previously was Director of AHRQ's Center for Outcomes and Effectiveness Research.

Dr. Clancy, who is a general internist and health services researcher, is a graduate of Boston College and the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Following clinical training in internal medicine, Dr. Clancy was a Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania. She was also an assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the Medical College of Virginia before joining AHRQ in 1990.

Dr. Clancy holds an academic appointment at George Washington University School of Medicine (Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Medicine) and serves as Senior Associate Editor, *Health Services Research*. She has served on multiple editorial boards and is currently on the board of the *Annals of Family Medicine*, *American Journal of Medical Quality*, and *Medical Care Research and Review*. She is a member of the Institute of Medicine and was elected a Master of the American College of Physicians in 2004.

In 2009, Dr. Clancy was chosen as the most powerful physician-executive by the readers of *Modern Healthcare* and *Modern Physician* magazines. She was also awarded the 2009 William B. Graham Prize for Health Services Research.

Her major research interests include improving health care quality and patient safety, and reducing disparities in care associated with patients' race, ethnicity, gender, income, and education. As Director, she launched the first annual report to the Congress on health care disparities and health care quality.

Dr. Clancy lives in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C, with her husband, Bill. She enjoys jogging, movies, and spending time with her extended family, especially four nieces in Virginia.

Stuart Guterman

Stuart Guterman is Assistant Vice President for the Commonwealth Fund's program on Payment System Reform, based in Washington, D.C. He is responsible for the Fund's research agenda on the use of payment incentives to elicit changes in health care delivery that can achieve high performance; the development, management, and review of grants to be funded under the program; and analyses related to the current performance and future improvements in the payment system and the health system overall. Mr. Guterman was director of the Office of Research, Development, and Information at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services from 2002 to 2005. Prior to that, he was a senior analyst at the Congressional Budget Office, a principal research associate in the health policy center at the Urban Institute, and deputy director of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (and its predecessor, the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission) from 1988 through 1999. Previously, Mr. Guterman was chief of institutional studies in the Health Care Financing Administration's Office of Research, where he directed the evaluation of the Medicare Prospective Payment System for inpatient hospital services and other intramural and extramural research on hospital payment. He holds an A.B. in Economics from Rutgers College and an M.A. in Economics from Brown University, and did further work toward the Ph.D. in Economics at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Mark E. Miller, Ph.D.

Mark E. Miller, Ph.D. is the Executive Director for The Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC). MedPAC is a nonpartisan federal agency that advises the U.S. Congress on Medicare payment, quality, and access issues.

Dr. Miller has more than 19 years of health policy experience and has held several policy, research, and management positions in health care:

- Assistant Director of Health and Human Resources (HHR) at the Congressional Budget Office (CBO);
- Deputy Director of Health Plans at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS, formerly the Health Care Financing Administration).
- Health Financing Branch Chief at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).
- Senior Research Associate at the Urban Institute.

He earned a Ph.D. in public policy analysis from the State University of New York at Binghamton.

RADM Penelope Slade-Sawyer, PT, MSW, USPHS

RADM Penelope Slade-Sawyer, PT, MSW, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, directs the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP), Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and is the Acting Executive Director of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports (PCPFS). RADM Slade-Sawyer is a Commissioned Corps Officer in the U.S. Public Health Service.

As the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, RADM Slade-Sawyer is responsible for strengthening the disease prevention and health promotion priorities of the Department within the collaborative framework of the HHS agencies. She is a senior health advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Health and to the Secretary of HHS.

RADM Slade-Sawyer leads the ODPHP in coordinating three key initiatives for HHS: 1) Healthy People 2010, 2) the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, published jointly with the United States Department of Agriculture and 3) the 2008 Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans. Together, these efforts focus both on preventing disease by addressing major risk factors (such as physical inactivity and poor nutrition) and on reducing the burden of disease through appropriate health screenings and prevention of secondary conditions.

As Acting Executive Director of the PCPFS, RADM Slade-Sawyer manages the activities and operations of the Washington, D.C. based Council, an advisory committee to the President and the Secretary of HHS. The Council supports initiatives designed to build a strong nation of healthy Americans through regular physical activity, sound nutrition, prevention, and avoidance of risky behaviors. RADM Slade-Sawyer works to recommend programs and strategies to Americans of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to be physically active every day.