

# PRESENTERS

## Accelerating the Use of Evidence in Health Care Practice, Policy, and Decision Making

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#### **Dominick Esposito**, Mathematica Policy Research

Dominick Esposito is a deputy director of the Center on Health Care Effectiveness and a senior researcher at Mathematica. His primary research interests include comparative effectiveness and patient-centered outcomes research, evaluations of programs for complex populations of Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, data analytics, and prescription drug policy. Dr. Esposito is deputy director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's (AHRQ's) Coordinating Center for Comparative Health System Performance, which is part of an initiative to study how health care systems promote evidence-based practices in delivering care. For the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), Dr. Esposito directed a project that involved developing a framework and toolkit for disseminating and using health care evidence. He is an active member of AcademyHealth and has published in many journals. Dr. Esposito earned a Ph.D. in economics from the University of California, Santa Barbara.



#### **Jessica Heeringa**, Mathematica Policy Research

Jessica Heeringa is a researcher at Mathematica. Her primary research interests include quality improvement, delivery system and payment reform, dissemination and implementation of patient-centered outcomes research, and consumer engagement. Ms. Heeringa coauthored PCORI's Dissemination and Implementation Framework and Toolkit. She is also a researcher on AHRQ's Coordinating Center for Health Systems Performance initiative. In addition, she contributes to Mathematica's evaluation of delivery system reform incentive payment (DSRIP) programs that are implemented as Medicaid 1115 demonstrations, and is helping with the assessment of the round 2 Health Care Innovation Awards. Ms. Heeringa has an M.P.H. in health management and policy from the University of Michigan.

### DISCUSSANTS



#### **David Knutson**, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

David Knutson is director of the Center for Delivery, Organization, and Markets at AHRQ, where he leads efforts to improve the quality and efficiency of health care by providing evidence to decision makers on organization, payment, delivery, and markets. Mr. Knutson came to AHRQ in March 2016 from the University of Minnesota, where he served as senior research fellow in the Division of Health Policy and Management. While on leave from the university in 2011 and 2012, he served as a senior program analyst and acting director of the Division of Outcomes and Quality at the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He previously served as director of health systems studies at the Park Nicollet Institute in Minneapolis. He has also directed provider contracting for two managed care organizations and has held management positions in health care provider organizations. He has an M.S. in health economics from Curtin University of Technology in Perth, Australia.



**Amy L. Kratchman, The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia**

Amy L. Kratchman is the family consultant and LEND (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities) Family Collaboration director at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. She provides the family’s voice to clinicians and researchers on numerous projects, drawing on her role as the mother of three children with special health care needs. She joined the LEND faculty in 2009 and oversees the Fellows in Family Collaboration projects. Ms. Kratchman is a member of PCORI’s advisory panel on patient engagement. She also takes part in numerous hospital and community committees, task forces, and project groups to provide a family perspective to those organizations’ work. She is the family advisor for the Developmental Behavioral Pediatric Network and the Autism Treatment Network, and she serves as a co-investigator on a PCORI pilot project and on PEDSnet. Ms. Kratchman received a B.A. in English/journalism from the University of Delaware.



**Robert Phillips, American Board of Family Medicine**

Robert Phillips is vice president for research and policy at the American Board of Family Medicine. He is a nationally recognized leader on primary care policy and health care reform. Dr. Phillips served as director of the Robert Graham Center in Washington, DC, from 2004 to 2012 and was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies of Science in 2010. He practices part time in a community-based residency program in Fairfax, Virginia, and is a professor of family medicine at Georgetown University as well as clinical professor in family medicine and population health at Virginia Commonwealth University. He served on the American Medical Association’s Council on Medical Education, was president of the National Residency Matching Program, and was vice chair of the U.S. Council on Graduate Medical Education. He is a graduate of the Missouri University of Science and Technology and the University of Florida College of Medicine, where he received an M.D. and M.S.P.H.



**Jennifer Reck, National Academy for State Health Policy**

Jennifer Reck is a project director at the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP), where her work includes leading a multistate learning collaborative to advance the use of evidence and to engage patients in health policy making. Prior to joining NASHP in 2015, Ms. Reck directed Maine’s academic detailing program—the Maine Independent Clinical Information Service—an educational outreach effort to promote evidence-based clinical care. She also worked as a policy analyst for Prescription Policy Choices, an organization promoting the evidence-based use of prescription drugs, and has served on various public and private advisory boards related to advancing evidence-based primary care. Ms. Reck received her master’s degree in science and technology studies from Cornell University and her bachelor’s degree from Bard College.

