

## **FACULTY BIOGRAPHIES**

### **AMANDA BENNETT**

Amanda Bennett is Editor at Large for Bloomberg News. She was editor of *The Philadelphia Inquirer* from June, 2003, to November, 2006, and prior to that was editor of the *Herald-Leader* in Lexington, Kentucky. She also served for three years as managing editor/projects for *The Oregonian* in Portland. Bennett served as a *Wall Street Journal* reporter for more than 20 years. A graduate of Harvard College, she held numerous posts at the paper, including auto industry reporter in Detroit in the late 70s and early 80s, Pentagon and State Department reporter, Beijing correspondent, management editor/reporter, national economics correspondent and, finally, chief of the Atlanta bureau until 1998, when she moved to *The Oregonian*. She served as co-Chair of the Pulitzer Prize Board in 2010. Bennett shared the Prize for national reporting with her Journal colleagues, and in 2001 led a team from *The Oregonian* to a Pulitzer for public service. She is on the board of the Loeb Awards. Projects by the Bloomberg P&I team have won numerous awards, including Loeb, Polk, Barlett & Steele, Headliners, Society of American Business Editors and Writers and Overseas Press Club Awards.

She is the author of six books including “In Memoriam” (1998), co-authored with Terence B. Foley; “The Man Who Stayed Behind,” co-authored with Sidney Rittenberg (1993), and “Death of the Organization Man” (1991). “The Cost of Hope,” her memoir of the battle she and Foley, her late husband, fought against his kidney cancer, was published in June, 2012 by Random House.

She is a member of The Pennsylvania Women’s Forum. She is on the board of the American Society of News Editors, and is on the board of advisers of the Temple University Press; and on the board of directors of the Philadelphia Public Interest Information Network and of the Rosenbach Museum, a Philadelphia museum of rare books.

### **DEBBIE CURTIS**

Ms. Curtis has more than 23 years of experience working on Capitol Hill, where she was one of the leading experts on health insurance, Medicare, and mental health parity. Most recently, she served on the Democratic Professional Staff for the Committee on Ways and Means in the US House of Representatives. For the previous 15 years, she served in a joint position as the Chief of Staff for Rep. Pete Stark (D-CA), and as a professional staff member on the Ways and Means Democratic Staff, where she played a key role in developing the Affordable Care Act. Prior to her work for Rep. Stark, Ms. Curtis served as health legislative assistant for (then Representative) now Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD) and Rep. Jim Moody (D-WI), both then Ways and Means Health Subcommittee members.

Ms. Curtis was the Congressional Affairs Director for Citizen Action, a nationwide grassroots consumer advocacy organization, where she lobbied for national health care reform during the Clinton Administration. She’s also worked on the staffs of now Senator (then Representative) Ron

Wyden (D-OR) and Rep. Ed Markey (D-MA). Ms. Curtis graduated from Boston University with a bachelor's degree in political science in 1988. She is a longtime resident of the District and lives on Capitol Hill with her husband and daughter.

**ELIZABETH GOSS, J.D.**

Elizabeth Goss is a partner in the law and public policy firm Turner & Goss LLP. Prior to entering private practice, Elizabeth served as a Congressional aide, first to Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA) and subsequently for ten years to Senator Dale Bumpers (D-AR). Her Senate work concentrated on public health policy and biomedical research funding and regulation. Elizabeth's clients include a number of non-profit entities interested in access to quality health care and the development of new therapies for cancer and other life-threatening diseases. Her clients include the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship and Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, as well as the Cancer Leadership Council, a coalition of cancer organizations. She graduated from Harvard College and Georgetown University Law Center.

**SCOTT GOTTLIEB, M.D.**

Scott Gottlieb, MD is a practicing physician and Resident Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, a nonpartisan, not-for-profit institution dedicated to research and education on issues of government, politics, and economics. A leading expert in health policy, Dr. Gottlieb's work focuses on providing insights into the economic, regulatory and technological forces driving the transformation of healthcare today.

From 2005-2007, Dr. Gottlieb served as FDA Deputy Commissioner and before that, from 2003-2004, as a senior advisor to the FDA Commissioner and as the FDA's Director of Medical Policy Development. He left FDA in the spring of 2004 to work on implementation of the Medicare Drug Benefit as a Senior Adviser to the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Dr. Gottlieb is a regular contributor to The Wall Street Journal, and has held editorial positions on the British Medical Journal and the Journal of the American Medical Association. He appears regularly as a guest commentator on the cable financial news channel CNBC. He serves as a board member to several life science companies and is a venture partner at the venture capital firm New Enterprise Associates.

Dr. Gottlieb is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the New York University School of Medicine and a practicing physician. He completed a residency in internal medicine at the Mount Sinai Hospital in New York and is a graduate of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine and of Wesleyan University, in Middletown, Connecticut, where he studied Economics.

**JENNIFER MALIN, M.D., Ph.D.**

A practicing medical oncologist, Jennifer Malin, MD, PhD, is the Medical Director for Oncology for Care Management at WellPoint, Inc. In this role, she provides clinical leadership for all aspects of the delivery of care for WellPoint members with cancer.

After graduating from Harvard University, Dr. Malin received her medical degree and doctorate in public health from UCLA. She is board certified in internal medicine and medical oncology. An Associate Professor of Medicine at the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, she is the author of more than 70 peer-reviewed articles and is widely recognized for her research on the quality of cancer care. She is on a number of advisory boards and national committees including the American Society of Clinical Oncology's Quality of Care Committee and the National Quality Forum's Cancer Endorsement Maintenance Project Steering Committee.

Dr. Malin continues her clinical practice by volunteering at the Veterans Affairs Greater Los Angeles Health Care System. She lives in Santa Monica with her husband and two children.

**KAVITA PATEL, M.D., M.S.**

Kavita Patel, M.D., M.S. is a fellow in the Economic Studies program and managing director for clinical transformation and delivery at the Engelberg Center for Health Care Reform at the Brookings Institution and a practicing primary care internist at Johns Hopkins Medicine. She also served in the Obama Administration as director of policy for the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement in the White House. As a senior aide to Valerie Jarrett, President Obama's senior advisor, Dr. Patel played a critical role in policy development and evaluation of policy initiatives connected to health reform, financial regulatory reform, and economic recovery issues.

Dr. Patel also has a deep understanding of Capitol Hill from her time spent on the late Senator Edward Kennedy's staff. As deputy staff director on health, she served as a policy analyst and trusted aide to the Senator and was part of the senior staff of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee under Sen. Kennedy's leadership. She also has an extensive research and clinical background, having worked as a researcher at the RAND Corporation and as a practicing physician in both California and Oregon. She is a previous Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar, and provides clinical care as an internal medicine practitioner. She earned her medical degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center, and her Masters in Public Health from the University of California Los Angeles.

**RICHARD PAZDUR, M.D.**

Richard Pazdur, M.D. has a distinguished career in clinical and academic oncology in addition to his experience as a regulatory expert at FDA. A native of Indiana, he obtained his M.D. from Loyola Stritch School of Medicine, where he also trained in internal medicine. He was a fellow in oncology at Rush Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center at the University of Chicago. Dr. Pazdur has served as a practicing oncologist, researcher, and teacher at Wayne State University, where he was director of the medical oncology fellowship program, and for many years at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center at the University of Texas, where he was a tenured Professor of Medicine and Assistant Vice

President for Academic Affairs. He joined FDA in 1999 as the Director of the Division of Oncology Drug Products and was named Director of the Office of Oncology Drug Products in April 2005. He has authored over 160 peer-reviewed papers in the field of oncology, has written chapters for over 30 oncology textbooks, and is the editor of two standard reference oncology texts. Dr. Pazdur is well known in the oncology community as a strong scientific leader who is committed to the care and treatment of patients with cancer. He is a member of many oncology professional societies and has served on numerous local, state, national, and international committees focused on cancer treatment, drug development, patient education, and chemoprevention. Since coming to FDA, Dr. Pazdur has collaborated extensively with the leaders at the National Cancer Institute on many aspects of facilitating sound and rapid product development for cancer treatment and prevention.

### **KAREN POLLITZ**

Karen Pollitz is a Senior Fellow at the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF). She works on the Program for the Study of Health Reform and Private Insurance, tracking implementation of private market reforms with a focus on consumer protections. Prior to joining the Foundation, she worked at the US Department of Health and Human Services on national health reform (2010-2011 and 1993-1997) and directed research on private health insurance at the Georgetown University Health Policy Institute. She has a Master's Degree in Public Policy from the University of California, Berkeley, and a BA from Oberlin College.

### **RAHUL RAJKUMAR, M.D., J.D.**

Rahul Rajkumar, MD, an internist, is a Senior Advisor to the Director at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation. Prior to arriving at CMS, Dr. Rajkumar was a consultant at McKinsey and Company, where he helped the senior management of leading hospitals and healthcare payors respond to national reform and the design and operational aspects of accountable care organizations. During the 2008 presidential campaign, Dr. Rajkumar led the healthcare advisory team for then-Senator Obama and later served on the Presidential Transition Team. Dr. Rajkumar previously practiced hospital-based medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital, where he completed his residency training in Internal Medicine. Dr. Rajkumar holds a B.A. in History from Yale University, an MD from Yale School of Medicine, and a JD from Yale Law School.

### **MICHELLE ROHRER, Ph.D.**

Michelle Rohrer is vice president, U.S. Regulatory Affairs for Genentech. In this role, Rohrer has global responsibilities for oncology and virology disease areas, and oversight of all regulatory strategies for the oncology and virology global submissions. She also manages the regulatory team supporting ophthalmology and U.S. inflammation product development, as well as the U.S. commercial regulatory group.

Rohrer joined Genentech in 1993 as a postdoctoral research fellow. Since then she's held positions of increasing responsibility in the Medical Affairs and Regulatory organizations. Prior to joining

Genentech, Rohrer was a research and teaching assistant, and a National Institutes of Health (NIH) predoctoral fellow at the University of California, Davis, where she studied the effect of obesity, diabetes and AIDS on trace element metabolism. Rohrer received her bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of California, Davis.

**LOWELL E. SCHNIPPER, M.D.**

Dr. Lowell E. Schnipper, M.D. serves as Chief of Hematology/Oncology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston and a Professor at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Schnipper is associate director for membership and deputy associate director for Clinical Science of the Dana Farber Harvard Cancer Center. He leads the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Task Force on Cost of Cancer Care. Since joining the Harvard faculty in 1974, his responsibilities have included developing an academic and clinical program in cancer medicine. He is co-editor-in-chief of UpToDate in Oncology and is on the editorial board of the Journal of Clinical Oncology. His research interests are in molecular pharmacology of antiviral and antineoplastic agents; genetic instability in neoplasia; therapeutic research in cancer; and ethical issues in cancer care. He serves as a member of The Medical Advisory Board at Eviti, Inc. He is program chair of Ethical Issues in Cancer Research for the American Association for Cancer Research. He was founding chair of the ASCO Ethics Committee and led the process that culminated in revision of the Society's policy on conflict of interest in research. He chaired ASCO's Public Policy Committee and served on the National Institutes of Health Clinical Oncology Study Section. Dr. Schnipper received ASCO's Statesman Award in 2008 for voluntary efforts that benefit the organization, the field of oncology, and most importantly, its patients.

**JOSHUA M. SHARFSTEIN, M.D.**

Dr. Joshua M. Sharfstein was appointed by Governor Martin O'Malley as Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in January 2011.

In March 2009, President Obama appointed Dr. Sharfstein to serve as the Principal Deputy Commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the agency's second highest-ranking position. He served as the Acting Commissioner from March 2009 through May 2009 and as Principal Deputy Commissioner through January 2011.

From December 2005 through March 2009, Dr. Sharfstein served as the Commissioner of Health for the City of Baltimore, Maryland. In this position, he led efforts to expand literacy efforts in pediatric primary care, facilitate the transition to Medicare Part D for disabled adults, engage college students in public health activities, increase influenza vaccination of healthcare workers, and expand access to effective treatment for opioid addiction. Under his leadership, the Baltimore Health Department and its affiliated agencies have won multiple national awards for innovative programs, and in 2008, Dr. Sharfstein was named Public Official of the Year by Governing magazine.

From July 2001 to December 2005, Dr. Sharfstein served as minority professional staff of the Government Reform Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives for Congressman Henry A.

Waxman. Dr. Sharfstein is a 1991 graduate of Harvard College, a 1996 graduate of Harvard Medical School, a 1999 graduate of the combined residency program in pediatrics at Boston Children's Hospital and Boston Medical Center, and a 2001 graduate of the fellowship in general pediatrics at the Boston University School of Medicine.

**THOMAS J. SMITH, M.D.**

A medical oncologist and palliative care specialist with a lifelong interest in better symptom management, and improving access to high-quality affordable care, Dr. Smith has a long track record of starting innovative programs with concurrent evaluation of their impact on care and costs, including the Rural Cancer Outreach Program, the Thomas Palliative Care Program and the Virginia Initiative on Palliative Care, among others. His group was the first to show improved care with substantial cost savings from coordinated rural-urban care and inpatient palliative care. Dr. Smith also has been influential within the oncology community for improving care at a cost society can afford. He maintains an active breast cancer practice.

Dr. Smith was awarded the national Humanism in Medicine Award in 2000. In June 2008, he received the American Society of Clinical Oncology's Statesman Award for continued service to oncology. Among his many accomplishments, he has been recognized in "Best Doctors in America: Medical Oncology" for many years.

A graduate of the University of Akron, he received his medical degree at the Yale University School of Medicine. Dr. Smith is in charge of integrating palliative care into all the Johns Hopkins venues.

**SOPHIE STERN**

Sophie Stern is the Senior Policy Analyst of the Best Practices Institute at Enroll America, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization whose mission is to ensure that all Americans are enrolled in and retain health coverage. The Best Practices Institute identifies, develops, and disseminates information on enrollment policies that will result in the most Americans enrolling in health coverage.

Prior to joining Enroll America, Ms. Stern was a Senior Consultant, Health Policy Specialist with the Deloitte Center for Health Solutions, where she served as a resource for Deloitte practitioners and executive-level clients on regulatory and legislative policies related to health reform and other major health policies. Before that, she served as a Policy Analyst for the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law, where she provided technical assistance to states interested in reforming their public mental health systems and advocated for mental health policy issues on Capitol Hill.

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Laurel holds undergraduate degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and an MBA from Georgetown University.

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Sam Turner is a partner in the law and public policy firm Turner & Goss LLP. He is former Deputy General Counsel for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), where he was responsible for legal advice to the entire range of HHS programs, including Medicare and Medicaid, the Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health. Sam currently advises clients regarding development of new therapies for cancer and other life-threatening diseases. He has been involved in legislation related to coverage of oral anti-cancer drugs, off-label uses of cancer therapeutics, and cancer clinical trials. He has served on the Boards of CancerCare and the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship. Sam graduated from Vanderbilt University and the University of Virginia Law School.