



## Biographies

**Clinical Interventions  
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**Program Director, Health Disparities**  
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Romana Hasnain-Wynia is the Program Director for the Health Disparities research priority area at PCORI. Prior to joining PCORI, Dr. Hasnain-Wynia was the Director of Center for Healthcare Equity and an Associate Professor at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. She also held an appointment as Associate Professor in the School of Education and Social Policy. She was the Associate Director of Northwestern's AHRQ Funded T-32 post-doctoral training program in health services and outcomes research and Director of the integrated PhD program in Health Sciences. Prior to joining Northwestern University, she served as Vice President of Research at the Health Research and Educational Trust of the American Hospital Association.

Dr. Hasnain-Wynia has served as the principal investigator for a number of national studies focusing on advancing equity for underserved populations, performance incentive programs, and the healthcare safety net, incorporating equity measurement in quality improvement and provision of language services to patients with limited English proficiency. In addition, she has led studies on the collection and use of race/ ethnicity, language, and other demographic data in healthcare organizations as a foundation for conducting quality improvement work to reduce disparities in care. She was the lead author of the HRET Disparities Toolkit for Collecting Race, Ethnicity, and Primary Language Data, which has been endorsed by the National Quality Forum. She was also a senior associate editor for the Health Services Research journal for eight years and is now on the editorial board.



**Michael Schooley, MPH**  
**Branch Chief, Applied Research and Evaluation  
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**Division of Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention**  
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Michael Schooley is Chief of the Applied Research and Evaluation Branch at the Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Michael has been working in public health with CDC for 20 years. His work has focused on applied research, with particular emphasis on monitoring and evaluating chronic disease prevention and control programs and policies for cardiovascular health, tobacco use prevention, and obesity prevention and control. He has expertise in program evaluation, performance measurement, policy research, research translation, and national and state surveillance. In addition to his subject matter expertise, he has strong experience and skills in management and facilitation. Michael received his Master of Public Health degree in epidemiology and

international health from Emory University.



**Janet S. Wright, MD, FACC**  
**Executive Director, Million Hearts®**  
**CDC and CMS Innovations Center**

Janet Wright is the Executive Director of Million Hearts®, an HHS national initiative, co-led by CDC and CMS, with the explicit goal to prevent 1 million heart attacks and strokes in the U.S. by 2017.

From 2008 to 2011, Dr. Wright served as Senior Vice President for Science and Quality at the American College of Cardiology. In that role, she provided medical and scientific oversight of clinical guidelines, performance measures, health policy statements, and appropriate use criteria; quality improvement projects; and the National Cardiovascular Data Registry, a suite of databases containing more than 12 million patient records in both inpatient and outpatient care settings.

Dr. Wright practiced cardiology for many years in Chico, California, and during those years, she served on ACC's Board of Trustees, NCQA's Physician Program Committee, and the Center for Information Therapy, a non-profit organization committed to the provision of personalized health information during each health encounter. Her primary interests are the design and implementation of systems of care to achieve optimal outcomes for patients and the full deployment of hooks, tricks, and cues that help people get and stay healthy.



**Hilary Wall, MPH**  
**Senior Health Scientist, Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention**  
**Science Lead, Million Hearts®**  
**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

Hilary Wall, MPH is a Senior Health Scientist in the Office of the Director for the Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Hilary serves as the Science Lead for Million Hearts®, an initiative from the Department of Health and Human Services, co-led by CDC and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services with the goal of preventing one million heart attacks and strokes by 2017. In that role, she provides oversight and scientific expertise to support areas including health care systems change, clinical quality measurement, and health information technology. Prior to coming to CDC in 2009, Hilary worked as an Epidemiologist for the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention and Control Program at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. She has also worked at the Yale Prevention Research Center leading and analyzing data for randomized controlled trials in cardiovascular disease and diabetes. Hilary has

a Master of Public Health degree in Chronic Disease Epidemiology from the Yale School of Public Health.



**Anne L. Burns**  
**Vice President, Professional Affairs**  
**American Pharmacists Association**

Anne L. Burns is Vice President, Professional Affairs, at the American Pharmacists Association (APhA). Ms. Burns is responsible for the Association's strategic initiatives focused on advancing pharmacists' patient care services in new care delivery models, as well as accreditation, credentialing and quality. She also works on APhA's medication therapy management and health information technology programs.

Ms. Burns joined APhA in 1997 as the Association's Associate Director of Education, and she has served as Director, Practice Development and Research, Group Director, Practice Development and Research, and Senior Vice President, Professional Affairs. Prior to joining APhA, she was clinical assistant professor and manager of the professional practice laboratory at The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy. Her background includes practice in the community and ambulatory care pharmacy settings. She holds a bachelor's degree in pharmacy from The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy. She is active in pharmacy professional organizations and has served on several medication therapy management and quality-related advisory councils.



**Alison Cook**  
**Senior Research Manager, Healthcare Quality**  
**American Heart Association, National Center**

Alison Cook is the National Senior Research Manager, Healthcare Quality & Advocacy, for the American Heart Association. In this role, she works closely with our scientific professional volunteers to help translate science into applied medicine through quality improvement innovation. Her responsibilities include funding analysis, publications management, leveraging the power of the Get with the Guidelines data suite of inpatient and outpatient QI programs, and strategic management of a publications/policy team. She oversees a broad number of clinical datasets which represent over 6 million patient records and encounters. In fact, 42% of US hospitals are currently participating in one or more GWTG programs, which has led to 239 peer-reviewed publications in its tenure (to date).

Alison has an extensive background in public health and nonprofit management. She spent five years at the American Red Cross (Biomedical Services) as the Supervisor of Donor Resource Development for the state of

Texas. With this position, Alison oversaw the outside development efforts and public strategy of a large team, analyzed operational data, developed overall recruitment strategies for the region based on market analysis, and implemented progressive action plans to meet biomedical goals for the organization. Alison also has direct research experience through her work at UT Southwestern Medical Center where she co-managed the Human Genetics Clinical Laboratory. Here she trained under the mentorship of physicians leading the industry in cardiac and pulmonary research of heritable disease, including the longitudinal Dallas Heart Study of genetic risk factors. Alison graduated from Baylor University with a Bachelor of Science, Neuroscience and later studied Public Health, specializing in Health Marketing and Management, at the University of Texas School of Public Health.



**Lisa Cooper, MD, MPH**  
**James F. Fries Professor of Medicine**  
**Director, Johns Hopkins Center to Eliminate**  
**Cardiovascular Health Disparities**  
**Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine**

Lisa A. Cooper, MD, MPH is the James F. Fries Professor of Medicine in the Division of General Internal Medicine at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland. She is also a core faculty member of the Welch Center for Prevention, Epidemiology and Clinical Research. She has joint appointments in the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing and Bloomberg School of Public Health. Dr. Cooper received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry from Emory University, her Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her Master of Public Health degree from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She completed residency training in Internal Medicine at the University of Maryland and General Internal Medicine Fellowship training at Johns Hopkins. The author of over 100 research articles and several book chapters, and the principal investigator of 14 research grants from the National Institutes of Health and several private foundations, she is an internationally recognized expert on the effectiveness of patient-centered interventions (e.g., physician communication skills and cultural competence training, patient shared decision-making and self-management skills training) for improving health outcomes and overcoming racial and socioeconomic disparities in healthcare. Dr. Cooper has received several awards for her work, including election to the American Society for Clinical Investigation, Delta Omega Public Health Honorary Society, and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. In 2007, Dr. Cooper was a recipient of the prestigious MacArthur Fellowship "Genius" Grant. Currently, she is the principal investigator of an NIH-funded research and training Center for Population Health and Health Disparities (The Hopkins Center to Eliminate Cardiovascular Disparities).



**Juliana Crawford**  
**Director, Patient Market**  
**American Heart Association**

Juliana Crawford is a Director within our Patient Market and oversees the issue area of High Blood Pressure at the American Heart Association. In this role she leads the association-wide strategy to impact the problem of high blood pressure in coordination with key functional areas included Communications, Engagement Marketing, Advocacy, Science and Quality Improvement, as well a platform to provide both emotional and practical support to heart disease and stroke survivors and caregivers.

Juliana will soon celebrate her 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the AHA and during her time with the organization has led patient programming for other disease states including atrial fibrillation, diabetes and stroke, as well as management of promotions for the organization's Heart Check Mark program. Prior to joining the AHA, Juliana worked for Publicis, a global communications firm, managing public and media relations campaigns for Nestle USA. Juliana is a graduate from Baylor University, from which she received a B.A. in Communications Studies and Public Relations.



**Joyce Dubow**  
**Principal, Health Policy and Strategy**  
**AARP**

Ms. Dubow, who has been at AARP for 22 years, is a Principal for health policy and strategy in AARP's Office of the Executive Vice-President for Policy and Strategy. She has responsibility for a portfolio related to AARP's health care reform initiatives with a special focus on health care quality, HIT, and consumer decision making, as well as private health plans in the Medicare program. Her multi-faceted professional career in health care spans diverse experiences in health plan leadership, government service, public policy, and consumer advocacy.

Dubow serves on several external multi-stakeholder groups that focus on improving the quality and delivery of health care services. She is a member of the board of the National Quality Forum (NQF) and was recently co-chair of the NQF Patient-reported Outcomes Expert Panel. She is a member of: the Coordinating Committee of the Measure Application Partnership; the National Committee for Quality Assurance's Committee on Physician Programs and its Measurement Panel on Geriatrics; the National Advisory Committee for Aligning Forces for Quality of the Robert Woods Johnson Foundation; and a member of the board of the Center for Advancing Health.

Previously, Ms. Dubow was the executive vice-president of the Georgetown University Community Health Plan, a university-sponsored prepaid group

practice plan. She was also the Director of Policy and Legislation in the federal Office of Health Maintenance Organizations.

Ms. Dubow holds a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Michigan and a Masters in Urban Planning from Hunter College of the University of the City of New York.



**Brent M. Egan, MD**  
**Professor of Medicine**  
**University of South Carolina School of Medicine**

Brent M. Egan, MD is Professor of Medicine at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Greenville. He received his medical degree and training in medicine and hypertension at the University of Michigan. His research interests have centered on metabolic syndrome, mechanisms of obesity-associated hypertension and vascular disease, and key drivers of cardiovascular outcomes in primary care. The work led to more than 250 original papers and reviews, positions on 7 editorial boards, and selection on the Best Doctors list for 1998–2013. Dr. Egan's current professional efforts center on translating efficacy in clinical trials to effective care in community based practices with emphasis on vascular risk factor control and treatment resistant hypertension. He started the Outpatient Quality Improvement Network (OQUIN) Hypertension Initiative at the Medical University of South Carolina in 1999 to collaborate with primary care physicians in South Carolina and beyond to optimize control of modifiable cardiovascular risk factors and reduce cardiovascular events. OQUIN recently transitioned to the Care Coordination Institute (CCI) in Greenville, South Carolina and is presently collaborating with ~500 primary care practices with some 3 million patients. These practices are currently meeting 2017 standards of the Centers for Disease Control's Million Hearts Program. South Carolina has risen from 50<sup>th</sup> to 34<sup>th</sup> in cardiovascular disease mortality in the U.S. Dr. Egan remains committed to working with a broad range of colleagues to realize greater benefits of evidence-based medicine.



**Rosalind Fabunmi, PhD**  
**Senior Medical Affairs Program Manager,**  
**Cardiovascular Group**  
**Medtronic Inc.**  
**AdvaMed Representative**

Dr. Fabunmi has over fourteen years of background and training in the cardiovascular and diabetes field including eight years of pharmaceutical and device industry experience. She is currently Sr. Medical Affairs Program Manager at Medtronic, Inc, in the Cardiovascular group and is working to bring novel device therapies for hypertension to the market. Prior to working at Medtronic, Dr. Fabunmi was Principal Health Outcomes Scientist at Amylin Pharmaceuticals and Field Medical Science

Liaison also at Amylin Pharmaceuticals – a company based in San Diego focused on developing therapies for diabetes and obesity. Prior to working in the biomedical device and pharmaceutical industries, Dr. Fabunmi was Science and Medicine Adviser in the Medical and Scientific Affairs Division at American Heart Association in Dallas, Texas and Faculty Instructor at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. Dr. Fabunmi completed a Postdoctoral Fellowship at Harvard Medical School in Boston in the Cardiovascular division. Dr. Fabunmi holds a Ph.D. from the University of Cardiff, Wales in the United Kingdom.



**Lawrence J. Fine, MD, DrPH**  
**Branch Chief, Clinical Applications and Prevention**  
**Branch, Division of Cardiovascular Sciences,**  
**National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute**  
**National Institutes of Health**

Lawrence J. Fine, M.D., Dr. P.H. is the branch chief of the Clinical Applications and Prevention Branch in the Division of Cardiovascular Sciences at NHLBI. He is currently Project Officer of the SPRINT trial (<https://sprinttrial.org/public>). Current scholarly interests range from the prevention of coronary heart disease, efficacy studies treatment of hypertension and heart failure, better methods for patient reported outcomes and effectiveness studies of evidence based cardiovascular medicine including the control of hypertension. Prior to NHLBI he worked at the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, in the Office of the Director of NIH. Between 1988 and 2001, Dr. Fine spent 14 years with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, (NIOSH) as Acting Director of the Institute and as Director of the Division of Surveillance, Hazard Evaluations, and Field Studies (DSHEFS). He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Occupational Medicine.



**Beverly Green, MD, MPH**  
**Family Physician and Associate Investigator**  
**Group Health Cooperative and Group Health**  
**Research Institute**

Dr. Green is a practicing family doctor at Group Health Cooperative and an Associate Investigator at Group Health Research Institute and at the University of Washington in the Department of Family Medicine. Her research focuses on pragmatic-clinical trials and leveraging electronic health records and remote communications to deliver more effective and efficient evidenced-based care. Dr. Green completed a Robert Wood Johnson Faculty Development Fellowship and Masters in Public Health in epidemiology at University of Washington. She was the previous chair of Group Health's Committee on Prevention and Associate Director of the Department of Preventive Care. She is currently an

associate editor for the American Journal of Preventive Medicine and an editor for the Journal of the Board of Family Medicine. She is the Principal Investigator (PI) for several National Institute of Health funded grants awarded to Group Health Research Institute including the Electronic Communications and Home Blood Pressure Monitoring Trial (e-BP) and Systems of Support (SOS) to Increase Colorectal Cancer Screening study.



**Barbara D. Lardy, MPH**  
**Senior Vice President, Clinical Affairs & Strategic Partnerships**  
**America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)**

Ms. Lardy is the Sr. Vice President of Clinical Affairs and Strategic Partnerships for America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP). Within the medical/clinical affairs area, she is involved in building strategic partnerships for the organization; identifying and promoting quality improvement initiatives within the health insurance industry through benchmarking and descriptive studies, exemplary practice models and industry-wide surveys. Ms. Lardy directs collaborative efforts between AHIP, AHIP member plans and provider groups to assess innovative models of care and best practices and to disseminate this information within the health plan community. She also secures and directly oversees external funding from philanthropic organizations and federal agencies for analysis and promotion of public health and health services research, educational programming and studies on special populations. Her responsibilities also include collaborative efforts to facilitate health plan comparisons and provide consumers with additional data that enable them to make informed decisions.

Ms. Lardy joined AHIP in 1995 to direct work focused on prevention and public health and the intersection with the health plan community.. Prior to joining AHIP, Ms. Lardy was for 10 years President and CEO of the Group Health Community Foundation (Seattle, WA). Ms. Lardy received her Masters of Public Health from the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI).



**David Magid, MD, MPH**  
**Director of Research, Colorado Permanente Medical Group**  
**Senior Investigator, Kaiser Permanente Colorado Institute for Health Research**  
**Professor, Colorado School of Public Health and University of Colorado School of Medicine**

David Magid, MD, MPH is the Director of Research for the Colorado Permanente Medical Group, a senior investigator in the Kaiser Permanente Colorado Institute for Health Research, and Professor, Department of Health Systems, Management and Policy, Colorado School of Public Health, and

Department of Emergency Medicine, University of Colorado School of Medicine. Dr. Magid serves as co-Director of both the NHLBI Cardiovascular Research Network (CVRN) and of the AHRQ sponsored Cardiovascular Research Consortium. At the University of Colorado he has co-chaired the Grant Committee for the Community Translation component of the Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CCTS). He also serves as an Editor for the Annals of Emergency Medicine. Dr. Magid has served on the Board of Directors of the Society of Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM), chaired the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services Technical Advisory Panel on Emergency Care, and chaired the Kaiser Permanente National Research Council. He has also served on a number of national committees including the JCAHO/CMS AMI Quality Measure Task Force, National Quality Forum Cardiovascular Measures Steering Committee, the American Heart Association (AHA) Statistics Committee and the American College of Cardiology ACTION ACS Registry Research Review Committee. Dr. Magid is the principal or co-investigator on a multiple federally funded studies focused on improving the quality and safety of cardiovascular care and has a particular interest in the design and conduct of pragmatic clinical trials.



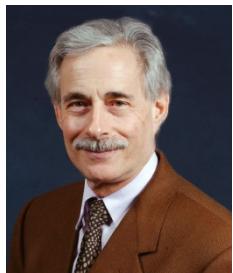
**Paul Moore, DPh**  
**Senior Health Policy Advisor, Federal Office of  
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**Health Resources and Services Administration**  
**US Department of Health and Human Services**

Dr. Moore currently serves in Washington, DC as Senior Health Policy Advisor to the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy. To this opportunity he brings a lifetime of experience related to rural healthcare from both his family heritage and more than thirty years in community and hospital pharmacy. He still owns a community pharmacy in eastern Oklahoma and Pharmacy & Consulting Management Company which provides remote pharmacist services to small, rural hospitals in three states. But his career reaches beyond just pharmacy as he has served as the CEO of a County Healthcare Authority, consisting of one of the nation's earliest Critical Access Hospitals, the County EMS, a physician clinic and a Home Health Agency....an opportunity which served him well as the 2008 President of the National Rural Health Association.... and now in his day job, where he has the opportunity to work with Critical Access Hospitals and other rural providers across the nation around issues of quality improvement and patient safety.



**Mary Ellen Roberts, DNP, RN, APNC, FAANP**  
**Assistant Professor and Director, College of**  
**Nursing**  
**Seton Hall University**  
**American Association of Nurse Practitioners**  
**Representative**

Mary Ellen Roberts is an Assistant Professor and Director of the DNP Program in the College of Nursing, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ. She is an Adult Nurse Practitioner for the Urban Health Initiative Program serving vulnerable populations in the greater Newark New Jersey area. Dr. Roberts is known for her expertise in cardiovascular care, specializing in women and heart disease, hypertension, lipids and acute coronary syndrome. Her current research focuses on self-efficacy in vulnerable populations related to cardiovascular disease. Dr. Roberts is Past President of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, Commissioner for the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program, and Chair elect for the Fellows of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. She is a Fellow with the American Academy of Nursing.



**David Stevens, MD, FAAFP**  
**Director, Quality Center**  
**Associate Medical Director, National Association**  
**of Community Health Centers**  
**Research Professor, George Washington**  
**University**

Dr. Stevens is Director of the Quality Center and Associate Medical Director of the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) and Research Professor in the Department of Health Policy at the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services where he is co-principal investigator of a five year translational research grant focusing on environmental assessment and interventions for childhood asthma in three federally qualified health centers. Before assuming his current positions, Dr. Stevens was senior medical officer for quality improvement in the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and its Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety. While at AHRQ he provided major leadership in AHRQ's mission to translate research into action. Major initiatives include a AHRQ/Robert Wood Foundation sponsored learning collaborative to reduce health disparities with nine major national health plans; a care management improvement project with seventeen state Medicaid agencies; a partnership with the CDC to develop interventions for the prevention of type II Diabetes Mellitus; an improvement collaborative with End Stage Renal Disease providers; and contributor to the National Health Quality Reports (NHQR) and development of NHQR web based "state snapshots."

Before coming to AHRQ, Dr. Stevens as chief medical officer was responsible

for national clinical leadership of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Community and Migrant Health Center Program and for leadership of the HRSA/Bureau of Primary Health Care initiative on eliminating health disparities in underserved and minority populations. He was a practicing family physician and medical director for ten years at community health centers in the South Bronx and in Brooklyn, New York.

Dr. Stevens was a member the HHS Strategic Plan for Asthma Work Group and a member of the HHS Work Group on reducing health disparities for diabetes. Current leadership roles include membership in the Technical Advisory Group, QUALIS/Commonwealth Fund Medical Home Demonstration in the Safety Net, the Technical Expert Panel, CAHPS Consortium (Yale & RAND), Health Insurance Exchange Enrollee Satisfaction Survey Technical Expert Panel, Bright Futures Project Implementation Advisory Committee, and Core Measures For Better Care, Lower Costs, and Better Health Planning Committee and Work Shop, Institute of Medicine.

As a member of the commissioned corps of the US Public Health Service, Dr. Stevens received numerous awards, including the commissioned corps meritorious service medal, the DHHS Award for Distinguished Service and the Arthur S. Fleming Award, a private-sector award for outstanding federal employees who have made extraordinary contributions to government.



**Jonathan N. Tobin, PhD**  
**President/CEO**  
**Clinical Directors Network**

Jonathan Tobin, Ph.D., is President/CEO of Clinical Directors Network (CDN), a NYC-based practice-based research network (PBRN) dedicated to improving clinical and population health outcomes for low income/medically underserved communities by creating community-academic partnerships around research, education and service. He holds a BA in Sociology/Anthropology from Haverford College, and an MA, MPhil, PhD from Columbia University in Epidemiology and Sociomedical Sciences. He is an elected fellow of the American Heart Association (Council on Epidemiology and Prevention) and the American College of Epidemiology. Dr. Tobin is a clinical epidemiologist and is Co-Director for Community-Engaged Research and Adjunct Professor in the Allen and Frances Adler Laboratory of Blood and Vascular Biology at the Center for Clinical and Translational Science at The Rockefeller University. Dr. Tobin is also a Professor in the Department of Epidemiology & Population Health at Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, and was the Interim Director of Education/Training at Albert Einstein College of Medicine where he developed Certificate and Master of Public Health (MPH) programs. He has extensive experience in the design, administration and analysis of large-scale observational and experimental clinical and translational studies. Dr. Tobin serves as the Principal Investigator for the AHRQ-funded Center of Excellence (P30) for Practice-based Research and Learning (2012), which is a

network of eight safety-net PBRNs in NYC, Boston, Chicago, Oakland and Portland, and includes 600 sites and over 4 million patients, and is the PI of a mental health/cancer prevention RCT funded by PCORI (2013). Dr. Tobin has served as Principal/Co-Principal Investigator on grants funded by NIMH, NHLBI, NCI, NCATS, NIAID, NIDDK, NIDCR, NIDA, SAMHSA, EPA, CDC, AHRQ, HRSA and PCORI, related to dissemination and implementation research and effectiveness trials in behavior, stress, clinical preventive services, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer and HIV, all designed to translate research into practice for the improvement of public health.



**Salina Waddy, MD**  
**Program Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke**  
**National Institutes of Health**

Dr. Salina Waddy is a stroke neurologist who completed her medical doctorate at Columbia University, followed by neurology residency training, a stroke fellowship, and neuro-genetics post-doctoral fellowship at Emory University. She was an Assistant Professor at Emory prior beginning her current position as Health Disparities Program Director in the Office of Clinical Research. Her areas of interest are health disparities, issues related to stroke and the genetic determinants of stroke, as well as predictive health.



**Ayodola Anise, MHS**  
**Program Officer, Addressing Disparities**

Ayodola Anise, MHS, is a Program Officer at PCORI, where she supports the Health Disparities research priority area and the Methodology Committee. Ms. Anise joins PCORI from the Engelberg Center for Health Care Reform at Brookings, where she managed activities related to the Quality and Equity/Disparities Initiatives. Her work there focused on informing regional, state, and national practices on performance measurement, specifically addressing data collection, data integration/aggregation, patient-centered measurement, and vulnerable populations.

Prior to joining Brookings, Ms. Anise worked as a Senior Associate for The Lewin Group, a healthcare research and consulting firm, and as Project Coordinator at Georgetown University on a CDC-funded longitudinal study of women experiencing intimate partner violence. Ms. Anise has experience working with low-income and minority populations, conducting qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis, and performing evidenced-based literature reviews.

She has a bachelor's degree in English writing, with minors in chemistry and

biology, and a Master of Health Science from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Department of Population and Family Health Sciences, with a double concentration in health communication and reproductive, perinatal, and women's health. She has traveled to five continents.



**Katie Lewis, MPH**  
**Program Coordinator, Addressing Disparities**

Katie Lewis, MPH, is a Program Coordinator on the Addressing Disparities team. Before coming to PCORI, Ms. Lewis worked in the non-profit and government sectors in public health program development, fundraising, and health policy analysis. Most recently, she had worked as a Policy Analyst in the Division of Policy & External Affairs at the New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene; prior to that, she worked in program and resource development at the Fund for Public Health in New York. Ms. Lewis earned her Master of Public Health in Health Promotion from the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University and her Bachelor of Science in Child Development and Medicine, Health & Society from Vanderbilt University.