



Right Care Initiative Capital Region University of Best Practices – October 14, 2019



Matthew Budoff, MD, Professor of Medicine, Endowed Chair of Preventive Cardiology, School of Medicine, UCLA; Program Director, Division of Cardiology, Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute; Steering Committee Member, Director, CT Reading Center, Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis (MESA) Trial

Dr. Matthew Budoff is at the forefront of the medical community's efforts to develop early detection methods for cardiac disease, the number one cause of death in the U.S. Given that approximately 50 percent of U.S. heart disease victims learn of their illness by experiencing a sometimes fatal heart attack, Dr. Budoff has devoted much of his time over the past 25 years to advancing procedures that can help doctors identify cardiac patients early, and place them on a therapeutic path to prevent a heart attack. Dr. Budoff works on at least 20 active medical research trials at any given time and is a frequent lecturer on topics of cardiology at symposia, congresses and annual conferences on every continent. He has authored or co-authored over 800 research papers, seven books, and 45 book chapters. Dr. Budoff has been listed among America's and Los Angeles' Top Doctors every year since 2005. In the past two years alone, Dr. Budoff has been honored with multiple awards recognizing his professional skills and accomplishments. Of particular note is his receipt of the Einstein Award for Scientific Achievement from the International Biographical Centre, Cambridge, U.K.; being named to the US News list of Top Doctors for 2011; and, most recently, named to "Worlds Most Influential Scientific Minds" in 2014. In 2015, he was awarded the Endowed Chair of Preventive Cardiology at his institution and the Arthur S. Agatston Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Award. In 2016, he was inducted into the European Union Academy of Sciences and honored with the prestigious Gold Medal Award by the Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography. Dr. Budoff graduated cum laude from the University of California, Riverside. He graduated with distinction and a member of Alpha Omega Alpha from the George Washington University School of Medicine, in Washington, DC, then completed an internship and residency in internal medicine, and a fellowship in cardiology, at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in Torrance, where he currently acts as Program Director for the Cardiology Fellowship and Director of Cardiac Computed Tomography.



Victoria Dupuy, Founder and Director, No More Broken Hearts

Victoria Dupuy has always had a passion for life, love, and learning. In 2013, her life took an unexpected tragic turn when her husband Dean died suddenly of a heart attack at the age of 46. Dean was an Apple engineer who led a very active lifestyle and did not fit the commonly held concept of someone who was at risk for a heart attack. Since that time, Victoria has dedicated herself to learning about heart disease, early detection and those who are truly at risk. Through sharing her newly-found knowledge and personal experience with friends, family and the community, Victoria quickly became aware that there were many, many other people with experiences just like hers. This awareness, combined with Victoria's desire to prevent others from experiencing the terrible loss that she and her family went through, was her incentive to found No More Broken Hearts--because for Victoria, every single heart matters. Since Victoria founded No More Broken Hearts, numerous articles about this unique nonprofit organization have been published in the San Jose Mercury News, multiple community newspapers in the Bay Area, M Magazine, Bay Area Building Management Resource Guide, Los Gatos Living and Saratoga Living. Victoria is a frequent guest speaker for numerous local and national organizations and has been featured on local Bay Area radio programs and is an advocate for coronary artery CT scans as a preventative screening tool for those over the age of 40.



William J. Bommer, MD, FACP, FACC, Chairman, Right Care Initiative Capital Region University of Best Practices; Executive Committee, American College of Cardiology, California Chapter; Professor, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, University of California, Davis

Dr. Bommer's service to the American College of Cardiology includes his current role on the California Executive Committee; as well as former roles as President, Vice-President, Governor, and Member of the Board of Governors. As an accomplished UC Davis Clinical Professor of Medicine, he directs UC Davis Cardiology's Noninvasive Services; directs the Cardiology Fellowship Training Program and sees patients in the CCU. As the longest-tenured UCD Training Director, he has trained over 200 practicing cardiologists. Dr. Bommer has been the Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator of multiple NIH, NHLBI, and international research trials. He is a member of 50 international, national, state, and university education commissions and committees. Dr. Bommer founded and is a Board Member of numerous hardware and software startup companies and is an inventor or co-inventor of patents for xerography, color-flow ultrasound imaging, and contrast echocardiography. His public service includes consulting with the State of California and directs multiple programs including CA Pilot PCI (offsite) Program, CA Elective PCI (offsite) Program, and CA Cardiac Surgery and Intervention Outcomes Program. He has authored over 250 scientific publications, received over 100 Honors and Awards, presented over 1000 papers at International, National, and Statewide meetings, and coauthored California Legislation including SB 357 and SB 906. A Physics and Chemistry graduate of Cornell University, he received his medical degree from the State University of New York. He is an Honorary Lifetime Member of the British Cardiovascular Society and an accomplished marathon runner.



Joseph Sky, MD, FACP, FACC, Co-Chair, Capital Region University of Best Practices; Chief of Cardiology, United States Air Force David Grant Medical Center; Medical Director, Metabolic Clinic and Heart, Lung & Vascular Center David Grant Medical Center

Joseph Sky, MD, is the chief of cardiology and medical director of the Heart, Lung and, Vascular Center at David Grant USAF Medical Center serving veterans, active duty military, and their families at Travis Air Force Base. Dr. Joseph Sky was raised in a community closely connected to one of the Blue Zones areas and is currently an active speaker for the Loma Linda Project. Dr. Sky received his bachelor of science from Pacific Union College and his MD from Loma Linda



University (1999). He completed his training in internal medicine and cardiology in the US Air Force. Prior to becoming a cardiologist, Dr. Sky served as a flight medicine physician and later chief of the Internal Medicine Branch of the US Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine where he monitored and kept our nation's pilots and those of allied air forces healthy and fit for duty. He is a specialist in integrating modern medical treatments with evidence-based preventive medicine to safely allow military pilots, unmanned aircraft operators, and commercial pilots with cardiovascular disease to continue flying. While Dr. Sky fully embraces western medicine, his enjoyment is finding patients willing to use diet and lifestyle as medicine. He returned from a tour of duty in Iraq in 2018 and is excited to be practicing at a time when science shows the proven value of complementary preventive cardiology.



Matthew P. Wonnacott, MD, Co-Chair, Capital Region University of Best Practices; Chief Medical Officer, Barton Health

As Chief Medical Officer of Barton Health in the South Lake Tahoe region, Dr. Wonnacott's medical practice is devoted to the underserved. He completed his undergraduate coursework at Southern Utah University and received his Medical Degree from the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences as well as his additional certification from the American Board of Family Medicine. Dr. Wonnacott recently retired as Colonel in the United States Air Force, previously serving as Chief Medical Officer and Deputy Commander for David Grant Medical Center, the Air Force's largest and busiest inpatient platform. He is a physician leader specializing in Family Medicine, with clinical expertise in treating children, adults and geriatric patients. He has served in a variety of clinical, operational, and executive medicine roles over 25 years. He is known for many different professional qualities including compassion and clinical acumen, strategic insight and initiative, with strengths in motivating and influencing people, team leadership and collaboration, partnerships, working with physicians and clinic workflow optimization.



Neal Kohatsu, MD, MPH, FACPM, Program Evaluator & Health Strategist, Institute for Population Health Improvement, UC Davis Health; Right Care Initiative Ambassador at Large; Former Chief Medical Officer, Medi-Cal

Dr. Kohatsu was appointed in March 2011 as the first Medical Director for the California Department of Health Care Services which serves over 12 million Medi-Cal members. He was charged with advancing population health and improving clinical quality, coordinating the implementation and management of the Department's Quality Strategy. Since 2008, Dr. Kohatsu has been a vital member of the Right Care Technical Expert Group. Throughout his career, Dr. Kohatsu has held leadership positions in the public, private, and academic sectors related to prevention, chronic disease management, worksite health promotion, quality improvement, and patient safety. He has published research in areas ranging from evidence-based public health to patient safety and is the Associate Editor of the textbook, Public Health and Preventive Medicine. Dr. Kohatsu is board-certified in Public Health and General Preventive Medicine. He is a fellow and past president of the American College of Preventive Medicine and is on the Editorial Board of the American Journal of Preventive Medicine. Dr. Kohatsu received his A.B. degree in Human Biology from Stanford University; M.D. from the University of Pittsburgh; M.P.H. from the University of Minnesota; and fellowship training in cardiovascular disease prevention and epidemiology at Stanford University, School of Medicine.



Hattie Rees Hanley, MPP, Director, Right Care Initiative, UC Berkeley School of Public Health, Center for Health Outcomes and Innovation Research

Ms. Hanley co-founded the Right Care Initiative in 2007 with the Deans of the University of California, Berkeley and UCLA's Schools of Public Health, clinical experts, and State of California leadership to improve patient outcomes in high yield areas for preventing disability and death, where the science is clear, but the uptake is uneven. The Right Care Initiative is a public-private, charitably-funded collaborative effort that has thus far worked in the areas of prevention and better management of Hospital Acquired Infections (HAI), heart attacks, strokes, diabetes and heart failure. Ms. Hanley has directed the initiative since its inception, in close collaboration with leading experts in the field. The hallmark of her public policy career is bridging across the disparate arenas of business, government, health care delivery, science and academia. Ms. Hanley received her Master's degree in Public Policy from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, after studying health economics and pre-medical coursework at UC Davis. Since that time, she has applied her background in science and public policy in the areas of clinical quality improvement, public health preparedness and improving laws to protect patients. She was instrumental in the negotiations and passage of the set of California laws known as the Patient Bill of Rights, which includes the right to a Second Medical Opinion and Independent Medical Review. The Right Care Initiative is a program within the UC Berkeley School of Public Health's Center for Health Organizational and Innovation Research (CHOIR).