



Right Care Initiative Los Angeles University of Best Practices—March 12, 2020



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.

emphasis on Health Education and Promotion from the University of Cincinnati.



Bernadette Mejia, PhD, MS, RD
Director of Preventive Health Services, Watts Healthcare

Dr. Bernadette J. Mejia, PhD, RDN encompasses over 10 years of experience as a Registered Dietitian with an emphasis on weight management, maternal and child care nutrition, diabetes self-management, and diabetes prevention. Her study was on the “Association Between Provider Cultural Competence and Type 2 Diabetes Patient Health Behavior Outcomes.” In her study, she found that patients with Type 2 Diabetes were 2.5 times more likely to reduce their calories and fat intake when the primary care physician treated the patient with respect in relation to their culture and beliefs. Today, she will be presenting information on the health outcomes associated with the following dual services being offered at Watts Healthcare Corporation: American Diabetes Association (ADA) recognized Diabetes Self-Management Education Program and Centers for Disease and Control Prevention (CDC) Prevent Type 2 Diabetes/Weight Management program.



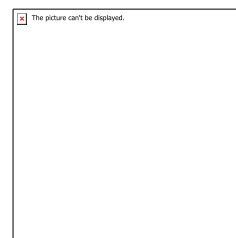
Christopher Tompkins, MS, MBA
Health Promotion Manager, Clinical Strategy and Innovation, Anthem

Chris is a Health Promotion Manager with Anthem, Inc. He provides health promotion and wellness solutions to Anthem Account teams as well as consultation support to many large group clients including public entities, school districts, hospitals and commercial businesses. Chris has over 20 years of health promotion and wellness experience working within private and public organizations. Chris is also part-time professor at California State University, Sacramento. Chris earned his Master of Science Degree in Exercise Science and Health Promotion and a Master of Business Administration in Risk Management.



Alissa Maier, MPH
Project Manager for Quality and Population Health, the Gehr Family Center for Health Systems Science and Innovation, Department of Medicine at the Keck School of Medicine of USC

Alissa has spent most of her career working on chronic disease prevention and management programming at national nonprofit organizations. During her time with the American Diabetes Association, she provided technical assistance for both NDPP and DSME programs throughout Southern California. During her time with the YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles, she led the development of several NDPP sites, facilitated sessions of the NDPP, and served as a Master Trainer for NDPP. She holds a BS in Psychology from the University of Dayton and an MPH with an



Evan Kransdorf, MD, PhD
Cardiologist, Smidt Heart Institute, California Heart Center, Cedars-Sinai

Dr. Evan Kransdorf completed his combined MD/PhD degree at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine and then did residency in internal medicine at Duke University Medical Center, followed by cardiology fellowship at Mayo Clinic Arizona and finally training in advanced heart failure and heart transplantation at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. He is currently an attending physician with the Advanced Heart Disease program at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

and an Assistant Professor of Medicine. His research interests are in the genetics of cardiomyopathies and heart transplant allocation.



Tony Kuo, MD, MSHS
Director, Division of Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health; Co-Program Leader, Population Health Program, UCLA Clinical and Translational Science Institute; Los Angeles UBP Co-Chair, Right Care Initiative

Dr. Tony Kuo is the Director of both the Office of Senior Health, and the Division of Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. Dr. Kuo is a highly published author with joint appointments at UCLA's schools of public health and medicine, where he co-leads the clinical and translational science institute. Dr. Kuo's academic interests and work have included federally funded research/evaluation studies, peer-reviewed publications, and other efforts in chronic disease prevention and control; patient-centered care; nutrition and physical activity promotion; tobacco control policy; and senior health. Dr. Kuo received his Medical Degree from the University of Utah School of Medicine and his Master's in Health Services from the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health where he serves as Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Epidemiology. He is boarded in Family Medicine and has over fifteen years of clinical experience in urgent care clinics, emergency departments, and homeless shelters.



Carol Peden, MB ChB, MD, FRCA, FFICM, FFMLM, MPH
Executive Director, USC Center for Health System Innovation, Professor, Department of Anesthesiology, USC Keck School of Medicine; Chair, Right Care Initiative University of Best Practices - Los Angeles

Dr. Carol Peden, MB ChB, MD, FRCA, FFICM, FFMLM, MPH is a Professor of Anesthesiology and Executive Director of the Center for Health System Innovation at University of Southern California. Previously she was a Consultant in Anesthesia and Intensive Care at the Royal United Hospitals, Bath, UK and Associate Medical Director for Clinical Quality for NHS England. Carol gained her quality improvement expertise as a Fellow at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) and has helped design and lead quality improvement projects around the world, including the UK, Scandinavia and the Middle East. Her research interests include improving clinical outcomes, preoperative medicine and patient safety. Recent awards include the 2016 Ellis Gillespie Professor of the Australia and New Zealand College of Anesthetists, the 2014 Royal College of Anesthetists Macintosh Professorship and the Harvard T. Chan School of Public Health Alumni of the Year Award 2016 for Innovation in Public Health.



Carol Zaher, MD, MPH, MBA
Medical Director, Health Net California Medical Management, Centene; Los Angeles UBP Co-Chair, Right Care Initiative

Dr. Carol Zaher is a cardiologist and Medical Director of Health Net of California. Dr. Zaher is a recent addition to the Los Angeles University of Best Practices leadership team. She was Chief of Cardiology and Director of Electrophysiology at Kaiser Permanente Southern California and subsequently worked as a health care consultant in disease management, clinical guideline and policy development, international health care, strategic product marketing, and medical education. She completed Medical School and an Internal Medicine Residency at the University of Pennsylvania and a Cardiology and Electrophysiology Fellowship at Cedars Sinai Medical Center. She obtained a Masters degree in Business Administration from Pepperdine University and Masters in Public Health from UCLA.



Hattie Rees Hanley, MPP
Director, Right Care Initiative

Ms. Hanley co-conceived of and launched the Right Care Initiative in 2008 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, and diabetic complications. Ms. Hanley has co-lead the initiative since its inception, co-creating the intellectual framework through close collaboration with leading academics and experts in the field. The hallmark of her public policy career is bridging across the disparate arenas of business, government, health care delivery, and academia. Ms. Hanley received her Masters of 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 2nd opinion and independent medical review. The Right Care Initiative is a program within the UC Berkeley School of Public Health's Center for Health Organization and Innovation Research (CHOIR).