



**William J. Bommer, MD, FACP, FACC**

**Statewide Chairman, Right Care Initiative University of Best Practices; Specialty Delegate, California American College of Cardiology and California Medical Association; Director, California ePCI Program; Director, Prevention Forward Program and Professor of Medicine, 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 Coronary Critical Care Unit. As the longest-tenures 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 of patents for xerography, color-flow ultrasound imaging, and contrast echocardiography. His public service includes quality improvement consulting with the State of California and directs multiple programs including CA Pilot Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (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, an avid skier, and a marathon runner.



## **Nirali Vora, MD**

**Co-Chair, Right Care Initiative Silicon Valley University of Best Practices; Professor, Neurology, School of Medicine, Stanford University; Director, Global Health Neurology; Program Director, Adult Neurology Residency, School of Medicine, Stanford University**

Nirali Vora is a board-certified stroke neurologist, Associate Professor at Stanford, and a faculty affiliate of the Clinical Excellence Research Center. She provides comprehensive care for stroke and transient ischemic attack (TIA) patients, especially those with "cryptogenic" or undetermined cause for their disease. She has pioneered initiatives to improve stroke care through systems change and education on a regional and global level, including development of the first stroke unit in Zimbabwe. She is the Director of the Stanford Global Health Neurology program, as well as the Program Director of the Adult Neurology Residency Training program. She looks forward to continuing to work with patients and providers to prevent and better manage stroke, eliminate disparities in health care, and improve global neurology education.



**Latha Palaniappan, MD, MS**

**Professor of Medicine, Primary Care and Population Health, Stanford University; Professor of Epidemiology and Population Health at Stanford University Medical Center**

Latha Palaniappan MD, MS, is an internist and clinical researcher. Her research has focused on the study of diverse populations, chronic disease and prevention. Dr. Palaniappan specifically seeks to address the gap in knowledge of health in Asian subgroups and other understudied racial/ethnic minorities (PACS

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Medical Foundation (PAMF) as the Medical Director of Clinical Research, she led the organization-wide initiative to collect patient race/ethnicity and language information, enabling PAMF researchers to conduct disparities research using electronic health records. She was the co-founder of PRANA (along with Dr. Ronesh Sinha), a South Asian Wellness program. Her current work examines the clinical effectiveness of structured physical activity programs for diabetes management (Initiate and Maintain Physical Activity in Clinics - IMPACT, 5R18DK096394), as well as best exercise regimens for normal-weight diabetics (Strength Training Regimen for Normal Weight Diabetics - STRONG-D, 2R01DK081371). She was recently awarded a Midcareer Investigator Award (K24 HL150476) by the National Institutes of Health to provide mentoring to junior clinical investigators in the conduct of patient oriented research. She is currently working on implementation of evidence based genetic and pharmacogenetic testing in Primary Care Clinics as the Scientific Director of Precision Genomics and Pharmacogenomics in Primary Care ( with Dr. Megan Mahoney). She is the Faculty co-Director of the Stanford Biobank (with Drs. Brooke Howitt and Joachim Hallmayer) designed to accelerate translatable scientific discoveries. She co-founded (with Dr. Bryant Lin) the Center for Asian Health Research and Education (CARE) at Stanford in 2018.



**Susan Ivey, MD, MHSA**

**Professor, Adjunct, School of Public Health, UC Berkeley; Director of Research, Health Research for Action**

Dr. Ivey is an adjunct professor at University of California, Berkeley, School of Public Health, and Director of Research at Health Research for Action (a UCB affiliated research center). She teaches in the UCB-UCSF Joint Medical Program. She is a family physician with a Master's in Health Services Management and Policy. She also completed a 2-year post-doctoral research fellowship in Health Policy and Health Services Research at the University of California, Berkeley. Dr. Ivey conducts health services research including design and evaluation of health

care interventions, particularly for low-income populations, recent immigrants, and Asian Americans. She is especially interested in chronic disease care across diverse groups (diabetes, heart disease, and hypertension). Dr. Ivey has written over 70 peer-reviewed publications, a book on immigrant health, and several book chapters.



## **Hattie Rees Hanley, MPP**

### **Director and Co-Founder, Right Care Initiative, Center for Healthcare Organizational and Innovation Research, UC Berkeley School of Public Health**

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). Ms. Hanley has been invited by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention to be a founding member of the National Hypertension Roundtable.



## **Oliver Brooks, MD**

**Co-Chair and Hypertension Champion, Right Care University of Best Practices; Immediate Past President, National Medical Association; Chief Medical Officer, Watts Healthcare**

Dr. Oliver Brooks is the Immediate Past President of the National Medical Association. In addition, he is currently the Chief Medical Officer and past Chief of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine at Watts Healthcare Corporation in LA, California (CA). He is also a Medical

Director for L.A. Care Health Plan, one of the nation's largest Medicaid managed care plans whose mission is "to provide access to quality health care for Los Angeles County's vulnerable and low-income communities and residents". He holds staff appointments at Centinela Hospital in Inglewood, CA and at Martin Luther King Community Hospital in South Los Angeles, CA where he is Vice-Chair of the OB/Pediatrics Department and is a member of its Executive Committee. Dr. Brooks is the Chairman of the Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County, a consortium of 30 community health centers in the southern California area and serves as the Medical Director of the Jordan and Locke High School Wellness Centers. Dr Brooks received his undergraduate degree in biology from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia in 1977, graduating in three years and his medical degree in 1981 from Howard University College of Medicine. He completed a residency in Pediatrics at Children's Hospital-Oakland, where he practiced for four years before accepting a position at Watts Healthcare Corporation. At the state and local level, he served as Past President of the Golden State (CA) Medical Association and Past President of the Miller-Lawrence Medical and Dental Society.



**Steve Chen, PharmD, FASHP, FCHSP, FNAP**

**Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs; William A. and Josephine A. Heeres Chair in Community Pharmacy; Associate Professor of Clinical Pharmacy, USC School of Pharmacy**

In addition to his roles as professor and dean, Dr. Chen is part of a team of USC faculty directing \$12 million grant-funded research, evaluating the impact of pharmacist-managed patient care services for underserved populations. Dr. Chen actively partners with the state of CA Department of Public Health in evolving the state laws and regulations on the practice of pharmacy. His current clinical practice role includes the supervision of clinical and consultative pharmacy services to 19 safety net community clinics in Southern California. At these clinics, Dr. Chen oversees teams of clinical pharmacists, pharmacy residents, pharmacy students and pharmacy techs. Prior to joining the USC faculty in 1998, Dr. Chen provided administrative and clinical services to Cedars-Sinai Medical Group (CSMG) in Beverly Hills and served as a Faculty-in-Residence at Cedars Sinai Medical Center. From 1994-1998, Dr. Chen served as Clinical and Residency Coordinator at the VA Outpatient Clinic in Los Angeles. Prior to that, he helped develop the Ambulatory Care and Education Program at Sepulveda VA Medical Center also in Los Angeles. Dr. Chen's responsibilities include the provision of disease management and consultative services and coordination of clerkship students at several safety net clinics. Pharmacist-run disease management services provided include asthma, dyslipidemia, diabetes, hypertension, and heart failure. His lecture topics for the School of Pharmacy and postgraduate education include asthma/chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, arthritis, dyslipidemia, and other cardiovascular diseases. Chen received an honorary fellowship of the California Society of Health-System Pharmacists in 2000 and an honorary fellowship of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) in 2001. He received the Best Practices Award from ASHP in 2002, and has NABP certification in dyslipidemia and asthma management. Dr. Chen has received 7 teaching awards from USC students and residents. In 2013, Dr. Chen was awarded the American Pharmacists Association Foundation Pinnacle Award for Individual Achievement.



**Scott Flinn, MD**

**Co-Chair, Right Care Initiative University of Best Practices; Regional Medical Director, Blue Shield of California; Former US Navy Undersea Medical Officer with Navy Seals**

Scott Flinn, MD, is a Regional Medical Director at Blue Shield of California where he focuses on improving the value of care delivered to Blue Shield members. Previously, Dr. Flinn was the Chief Medical Officer at Arch Health Partners and served 22 years in the US Navy. Highlights included two tours with the Navy SEALs, Medical Director for primary care at Naval Hospital San Diego, and Force Surgeon for Naval Surface Forces in charge of the health care for all

Navy ships worldwide. A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh medical school, Dr. Flinn is a member of the American Academy of Family Practice and the American College of Physician Executives, becoming a Certified Physician Executive in 2013. He is board certified in Family Practice with a CAQ in Sports Medicine. Dr. Flinn is a member of the Right Care Technical Expert Group, and co-founder of the Bay Area Silicon Valley University of Best Practices. He formerly co-chaired the Right Care Initiative's 1st University of Best of Practices in San Diego.





## **Robert Kaplan, PhD**

**Founding Co-Leader, Right Care Technical Expert Group; Research Director, Clinical Excellence Research Center, Stanford University; Former Chief Science Officer US HHS AHRQ; Former Associate Director, National Institutes of Health**

Robert M. Kaplan is a co-founder and Co-Chair of the Right Care Initiative Technical Expert Group. He has served as Chief Science Officer at the US Agency for Health Care Research

and Quality (AHRQ) and Associate Director of the National Institutes of Health, where he led the behavioral and social sciences programs. He is also a Distinguished Research Professor of Health Services and Medicine at UCLA, where he previously led the UCLA/RAND AHRQ health services training program and the UCLA/RAND CDC Prevention Research Center. He was Chair of the Department of Health Services from 2004 to 2009. From 1997 to 2004 he was Professor and Chair of the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine, at the University of California, San Diego. He is a past President of five different national or international professional organizations and has served as Editor-In-Chief for two academic journals. His 20 books and over 565 articles or chapters have been cited more than 58,000 times (H-index>108). Google scholar includes him in the list of the most highly cited authors in science. Kaplan was elected to the National Academy of Medicine (formerly the Institute of Medicine) in 2005. He is currently a faculty member at the Stanford School of Medicine Clinical Excellence Research Center (CERC).



**Eveline Oestreicher Stock, MD**

**Co-Chair, Right Care Initiative Silicon Valley University of Best Practices; Assistant Professor, Cardiology, School of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco; Cardiologist, Cardiovascular Care & Prevention Center, University of California, San Francisco**

Dr. Stock's expertise in Endocrinology and Cardiology at the University of California San Francisco have informed her exciting work in molecular cardiology. Dr. Stock is a leader in the field of lipoprotein metabolism, and the diagnosis and management of lipoprotein disorders for the prevention of atherosclerotic coronary heart disease. Her research interests include the role of lipoprotein subclasses as predictors of coronary artery disease and myocardial infarction. She is an Assistant Professor at UCSF, a practicing cardiologist and lipidologist, and a researcher at the Cardiovascular Research Institute at UCSF. She received her medical education at the Catholic University of Chile and completed her training in endocrine hypertension and residency at Harvard Medical School's Massachusetts General Hospital. She looks forward to continuing to work with the Right Care Initiative as a means of closing the gap between science and practice to get to zero heart attacks and strokes, especially in vulnerable populations.



**Cindy Giambrone, PharmD**

**Co-chair, Right Care Initiative Heart Failure Work Group; Director, Performance Improvement and ACO Pharmacy Risk, MemorialCare Foundation and Medical Group**

Dr. Giambrone currently serves as Director of Performance Improvement and Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Pharmacy Risk for the MemorialCare Medical Foundation. Her responsibilities include building and overseeing programs and processes related to managing ACO pharmacy risk and improving quality metric scores for employers and health plans. She has a long-standing interest in the management of Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) resulting

from her professional and personal experience.