

2016 Consensus Conference Biosketches



Chris Carpenter, MD, MSc, is an Associate Professor and Director of Evidence Based Medicine in the Division of Emergency Medicine at Washington University in St. Louis. He has served on multiple international collaborations to improve the emergency department management of geriatric adults, including the American Geriatric Society's (AGS) Research Agenda Setting Process and the American College of Emergency Physicians' Geriatric Section for which he served as Chair from 2012-2014. He is also the current Chair of the SAEM Evidence-Based Healthcare & Implementation Interest Group. He has over 80 peer-reviewed publications and co-authored his first textbook in 2013. Currently, he is an Associate Editor for *Academic Emergency Medicine*, *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, and *Annals of Internal Medicine's* ACP Journal Club.



Corita Grudzen, MD, MSHS, FACEP is Vice Chair for Research in the Ronald O. Perelman Department of Emergency Medicine and Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and Population Health at NYU School of Medicine. Dr. Grudzen graduated from Stanford University; she received her MD from the University of California, San Francisco, and an MS in Health Sciences from the University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Grudzen has received funding from a number of foundations dedicated to improving healthcare for older adults with advanced illness, including the California HealthCare Foundation, the Brookdale Foundation, the American Cancer Society, Atlantic Philanthropies, and the John A. Hartford Foundation. She was named a Brookdale Leadership in Aging Fellow, a Mayday Foundation Pain and Society Fellow, and an American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Research Scholar for her work on developing a model to better integrate emergency medicine and palliative care. Most recently, she was chosen as an inaugural member of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Innovation Advisors Program, where she is testing new models of ED care that will improve care, improve health, and decrease costs, and is one of 10 Practice Change Leaders in Aging and Health.



Erik P. Hess, MD, MSc, is Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, Research Chair for the Department of Emergency Medicine, and Associate Director for the Healthcare Delivery Research Scholars Program at Mayo Clinic. Dr. Hess's primary area of academic interest is patient-centered shared decision-making and risk communication in the emergency department. Dr. Hess has presented nationally and internationally and conducted workshops on shared decision making in the acute setting. He has over 80 peer-reviewed publications and has obtained funding from the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute to conduct 2 multicenter shared decision making randomized clinical trials: (1) Chest Pain Choice and (2) Head CT Choice.



Annie LeBlanc, PhD, is an Assistant Professor of Health Services Research within the Division of Health Care and Policy Research, and investigator within the Mayo Clinic Knowledge and Evaluation Research Unit and the Robert D. and Patricia E. Kern Center for the Science of Health Care Delivery, at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN. Her research focuses on the translation of comparative effectiveness research into practice through the design, evaluation, and implementation of patient-centered interventions such as shared decision making in primary care. She currently leads a federally funded multicenter randomized trial on the implementation of decision aids/shared decision making across Minnesota and Wisconsin primary care practices. Dr. LeBlanc served as the 2013 Scientific Chair of the 7th International Shared Decision Making Conference.



Jennifer Kryworuchko PhD, RN, is a Critical Care Nurse and Health Services Researcher with a research program focused on patient and family participation in healthcare decision making. She is particularly interested in how patients and families make decisions with their healthcare team during serious advanced illness. She has developed and field tested patient decision aids for resuscitation (CPR) and end of life decisions (Life Support). She has contributed to the development of generic tools, such as the Ottawa Family Decision Guide, clinical program improvement, and Shared Decision Making skills workshops for healthcare providers.



Maryann Napoli is the Associate Director and a co-founder (in 1976) of the Center for Medical Consumers, a non-profit advocacy organization in New York City. The Center was formed to promote the concept of evidence-based medicine and to provide an alternative to the poor quality of the medical information aimed at the general public. Until her retirement in 2012, Napoli wrote most of the organization's articles. Recurring topics in the last 25 years include over-diagnosis, overtreatment and medical interventions aimed at healthy people, such as screening tests and long-term drug therapy (e.g., statins, bone drugs). She has been a long-time contributor to the Cochrane Collaboration, as a peer reviewer and an advocate for improving the plain language summaries of Cochrane reviews.



Ali S. Raja, MD, MBA, MPH is Vice-Chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital, and an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at Harvard Medical School. He is board certified in emergency medicine and clinical informatics, completed a residency in emergency medicine at the University of Cincinnati, and holds graduate degrees from both Harvard and Duke Universities. The author of over 80 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, his research focuses on improving adherence to evidence-based practice by better informing both patients and their physicians regarding the appropriateness of medical tests and treatments.



Richard Thomson, BM BCh, MD, leads the Decision Making and Organisation of Care Research Group within the Institute of Health and Society at Newcastle University. He is a Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health in IHS and Associate Dean for Patient and Public Engagement for the Faculty of Medical Sciences. His primary research interests are in shared decision making (SDM), patient safety and patient involvement. Richard has been PI on many studies, most recently in development and evaluation of decision support, and co-led two NIHR programme grants, one including SDM and hyperacute stroke, the other on involvement of patients in patient safety. He co-led the large programme on implementation of SDM (MAGIC – Making Good Decisions in Collaboration) with Glyn Elwyn in Cardiff, supported by the Health Foundation.