



The Challenges of Aging During COVID-19: Long Term Care, Vaccination and Isolation

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

(In order of appearance on the program)

Cait Ellis, MPA is a Program Manager for the National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) Foundation in Washington, D.C. In this role, Ms. Ellis conducts research and analysis to inform and improve management strategies for health care leaders in the public and private sector. She also provides support for NIHCM's broad programming portfolio, including webinars, events, grants and awards. Ms. Ellis works across a wide range of topics, including the opioid crisis and mental health, rural health, and maternal and child health.

Prior to joining NIHCM, Ms. Ellis held several political and nonprofit internships and fellowships. Originally from California, Ms. Ellis received her Master's in Public Affairs with a concentration in Policy Analysis from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University, Bloomington, and she holds a BA in Politics from Willamette University.

Tricia Neuman, ScD is a Senior Vice President and Senior Advisor to the president of the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation. She is the Director of the Foundation's Program on Medicare Policy, where she oversees the Foundation's policy analysis and research pertaining to Medicare and health coverage and care for aging Americans and people with disabilities. A widely cited Medicare policy expert, Dr. Neuman focuses on topics such as the health and economic security of older adults, the role of Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare and out-of-pocket spending trends, prescription drug costs, payment and delivery system reforms, and policy options to strengthen Medicare for the future. She has authored numerous papers pertaining to Medicare, has been invited several times to present expert testimony before Congressional committees, and has appeared and been quoted as an independent expert by major, national media outlets. Before joining the Foundation in 1995, Dr. Neuman served on the professional staff of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health in the U.S. House of Representatives and on the staff of the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging working on health and long-term care issues. Dr. Neuman received a Doctorate of Science degree in health policy and management and a Masters of Science degree in health finance and management from

the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. She received her Bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University.

Vincent Mor, PhD is the Florence Pirce Grant Professor of Community Health in the Brown University School of Public Health and a senior health scientist in the health services research service at the Providence Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Dr. Mor has been Principal Investigator of over 40 NIH funded grants focusing on the use of health services and the outcomes frail and chronically ill persons experience. He has evaluated the impact of programs and policies in aging and long term care including Medicare funding of hospice, changes in Medicare nursing home payment and the introduction of quality measures. He was one of the authors of the Congressionally mandated Minimum Data Set (MDS) for Nursing Home Resident Assessment and the architect of an integrated Medicare claims and clinical assessment data base used for policy analysis, pharmaco-epidemiology and population outcome measurement. This data resource is at the heart of the NIA funded Program Project Grant, "Changing Long Term Care in America", now in its third renewal cycle, which examines the impact of Medicaid and Medicare policies on long term care providers and the patients they serve. This integrated data structure is also at the core of a series of large, pragmatic cluster randomized trials of novel nursing home based interventions. Building upon this work, most recently, he and colleagues around the country were awarded a large grant from the National Institute on Aging to solicit, fund and support multi-site pilot non-pharmacologic intervention projects embedded in health care systems designed to improve the lives of persons living with dementia and their caregivers. This program is expected to test whether interventions found to be effective when implemented by researchers are still effective when embedded in a functioning health care system. Dr. Mor has been an active VA HSR&D investigator for the past decade and helped establish the Providence VAMC Center of Innovation (COIN) where he is now directing a number of independent investigator initiated research projects focused on the VA Geriatrics and Extended Care service.

Dr. Paul Kaplan, MD, MBA, FAAFP is the Senior Medical Director for Provider Engagement for Florida Blue Medicare. He is a board-certified family physician who received his medical training in South Africa. Following his medical training, he worked in private practice in South Africa before entering a family medicine residency in Delaware. After residency, he worked in private practice in Delaware prior to joining Blue Cross Blue Shield of Delaware where he served as Chief Medical Officer. He also worked at Highmark Blue Cross as Chief Medical Officer of their Medicaid program.

Dr. Kaplan is a past-president of the Delaware chapter of the AAFP and served as chairman of the Blood Bank of Delmarva prior to relocating to Florida.