The Future of Nursing 2020-2030 Webinar Series
Session 2: Lifting Practice Barriers and Designing Better Payment Models to Expand the Contributions of Nurses
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Featured Speakers

Dr. John Rowe is the Julius B. Richmond Professor of Health Policy and Aging at the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. Previously, from 2000 until his retirement in late 2006, Dr. Rowe served as Chairman and CEO of Aetna, Inc., one of the nation's leading health care and related benefits organizations. Before his tenure at Aetna, from 1988 to 2000, Dr. Rowe served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Mount Sinai NYU Health, one of the nation’s largest academic health care organizations. From 1988 to 1998, prior to the Mount Sinai-NYU Health merger, Dr. Rowe was President of the Mount Sinai Hospital and the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City.

Before joining Mount Sinai, Dr. Rowe was a Professor of Medicine and the founding Director of the Division on Aging at the Harvard Medical School, as well as Chief of Gerontology at Boston’s Beth Israel Hospital. Dr. Rowe has received many honors and awards for his research and health policy efforts regarding care of the elderly.

Currently, Dr. Rowe leads the MacArthur Foundation’s Network on An Aging Society.

Dr. Rowe is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member of the National Academy of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. He served on the Board of Trustees of the Rockefeller Foundation, and was Chair of the Board of Fellows of Harvard Medical School and the Board of Trustees at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. Dr. Rowe is a former Commissioner of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC).
Marshall H. Chin, M.D., M.P.H., the Richard Parrillo Family Professor of Healthcare Ethics in the Department of Medicine at the University of Chicago, is a practicing general internist and health services researcher who has dedicated his career to reducing health disparities through interventions at individual, organizational, community, and policy levels. Dr. Chin has elucidated practical approaches to improving care of diverse individual patients and addressing systemic, structural drivers of disparities in the health care system.

Through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Advancing Health Equity program, Dr. Chin collaborates with teams of state Medicaid agencies, Medicaid managed care organizations, and frontline healthcare organizations to implement payment reforms to support and incentivize care transformations that advance health equity. He also partners with eight urban and rural communities to integrate medical and social care to reduce diabetes disparities through the Merck Foundation Bridging the Gap program. Dr. Chin evaluates the value of the federally qualified health center program, improves diabetes outcomes in Chicago’s South Side through healthcare and community interventions, and improves shared decision making among clinicians and LGBTQ people of color. He also applies ethical principles to reforms to reduce health disparities, discussions about a culture of equity, and what it means for health professionals to care and advocate for their patients. Dr. Chin’s most recent project uses improv and standup comedy, storytelling, and theater to improve training of students in caring for diverse patients and engaging in constructive discussions around systemic racism and social privilege. Dr. Chin and his team created the Roadmap to Reduce Disparities cited in Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services reports. He is a former President of the Society of General Internal Medicine.

Dr. Chin is a graduate of Harvard College and the University of California at San Francisco School of Medicine, and he completed residency and fellowship training in general internal medicine at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Harvard Medical School. He has received mentoring awards from the Society of General Internal Medicine and University of Chicago. Dr. Chin was elected to the National Academy of Medicine in 2017.
Linda A. McCauley, PhD, RN, FAAN, FRCN, is a global leader in environmental health and Dean of Emory University School of Nursing. Under her leadership, the school has risen from its No. 26 ranking to its current position as No. 5 in *US News and World Report*’s “Best Graduate Nursing Schools” guide. In 2015, she secured the largest NIH research grant in the school’s history—$5 million to develop the Children’s Environmental Health Center at Emory.

Dean McCauley is a thought leader at the intersection of environmental science and nursing, and an advocate for worker’s rights, occupational health, and environmental protections. Her research, which analyzes the health effects of environmental factors like climate change, draws together several disciplines and utilizes innovative methodologies. She sits on the Council of the National Academy of Medicine (NAM), is Co-Chair of NAM’s Committee on Primary Care, and serves on the EPA’s Children’s Health Protection Advisory Committee (CHPAC).

In 2020, McCauley was awarded an Honorary Fellowship with the Royal Academy of Nursing in the UK. She was inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Hall of Fame in 2016 and is a Fellow of both the American Academy of Nursing and the American Academy of Occupational Health Nurses. Her research has resulted in more than 165 publications, ongoing consultations, leadership on occupational and environmental advisory panels, and testimony to government oversight bodies. She is a sought-after expert with features across nationally syndicated outlets such as Time, NPR, CNN, The Weather Channel, and Business Week.
Dr. Ellen-Marie Whelan is the Chief Population Health Officer at CMS for the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) and a Senior Advisor at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI). She leads state delivery system reform and value-based transformation activities, supporting staff and states to design, implement, and test innovative care delivery and alternative payment models, including addressing social determinants of health. As a chief clinical officer she coordinates the maternal child health portfolio.

Previously, Dr. Whelan was the Associate Director of Health Policy at the Center for American Progress during the development and passage of the Affordable Care Act. She started her policy career in the U.S. Senate as a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow and served as Staff Director on the Aging subcommittee to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP).

Before coming to Capitol Hill, Dr. Whelan was a health services researcher and faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania and Johns Hopkins University and practiced as nurse practitioner for over a decade. She has worked in a variety of primary care settings and started an adolescent primary care clinic in West Philadelphia. Through this process she became one of the first nurse practitioners in Pennsylvania to obtain an independent Medicaid provider number and for starting the nursing center she received the Secretary’s Award for Innovations in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, presented by U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, Donna Shalala. In 2011 the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) honored Dr. Whelan with their Luminary Award acknowledging her contributions in public policy and from 2012-2015 she was a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellow.

Dr. Whelan holds a bachelor’s degree from Georgetown University, a master’s degree and Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania and The Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics and completed a postdoctoral fellowship in primary care policy at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health.
Featured on CBS Evening News with Katie Couric, ABC, NBC, and Johnson & Johnson, Dr. Scharmaine Lawson is a nationally recognized and award-winning nurse practitioner in New Orleans. She is a Fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) and Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN). Dr. Lawson was inspired to make house calls while caring for her grandmother, who was ill and needed an in-home doctor. Dr. Lawson has worked as a nurse practitioner for many years, treating thousands of patients. She continues her private practice today but still manages to find time to write and produce her Nola the Nurse® series of stories and activity books that introduce STEM fields to girls and boys of all ages. She hopes her books inspire children to consider the role of the Advanced Practice Nurse as a science career.

Moderator

Susan B. Hassmiller, RN, PhD, FAAN is serving as the Senior Scholar-In-Residence and Senior Adviser to the President on Nursing at the National Academy of Medicine from January 2019 through August 2021. In this role, she serves as a key member of the leadership team for the report, The Future of Nursing 2020-2030: Charting a Path to Achieve Health Equity, set for release in May 2021. She is also the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Senior Adviser for Nursing, and in partnership with AARP, she directs the Foundation’s Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action. This national initiative advances the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine report, The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health. Hassmiller served as the report’s study director.

Hassmiller has worked in public health settings at the local, state and national levels, including the Health Resources and Services Administration. She taught community health nursing at the University of Nebraska and George Mason University.
Dr. Hassmiller is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine, a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and sits on other advisory committees and boards, including the Hackensack Meridian Health System, UnitedHealth, Carrier Clinic, NursesEverywhere, and the American Red Cross. She is the recipient of many awards and four honorary doctorates, but most notably the Florence Nightingale Medal, the highest international honor given to a nurse by the International Committee of the Red Cross.