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SUSTAINING ACCESS & CHOICES FOR PATIENTS: EXPLORING THE RISKS & BENEFITS
OF TRADITIONAL MEDICARE & MEDICARE ADVANTAGE

Panelist Bios

Patricia Neuman, ScD

Patricia Neuman is a senior vice president of the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF), Executive Director of KFF’s Medicare Policy Project, and senior advisor to the President. Dr. Neuman focuses on a broad range of policy issues pertaining to Medicare and the population it serves, and has more recently focused on health reform proposals, including Medicare-for-all and public options, prescription drug costs, and the effects of COVID-19 on older adults. Dr. Neuman is widely regarded as a Medicare policy expert, with broad knowledge of issues associated with coverage, financing and care of older Americans and people with disabilities, and proposals to sustain Medicare for the future.

Dr. Neuman enjoys giving guest lectures at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Georgetown University and the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Hygiene and public Health. She has been invited to present expert testimony before Congressional committees and other key audiences on numerous occasions, and has published numerous extensively on topics related to health coverage and financing for the Medicare population. Dr. Neuman has appeared as an independent expert or been quoted in various media outlets, such as NPR, NBC Nightly News, CBS Evening News, Today Show, NewsHour, New York Times, Washington Post, Vox, Politico and Huffington Post.

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 Hygiene and Public Health in Baltimore, Maryland. She received her Bachelor’s degree from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut.

Michael Bagel

Michael Bagel is the Director of Public Policy at the Alliance of Community Health Plans (ACHP), the trade association for nonprofit, community health plans. He is a public policy expert with more than 10 years of working with federal policymakers and lawmakers to advance regulatory and legislative activities across federal health care programs. Michael previously served as a senior policy advisor at the Department of Health and Human Services, attorney with the Office of Management and Budget, law clerk at the US Department of Labor and as a Health Policy Associate with the Senate Finance Committee.
Judith Stein, JD

Judith Stein is the Executive Director at the Center for Medicare Advocacy; a nonprofit, nonpartisan law organization that provides education, advocacy and legal assistance to help older people and people with disabilities obtain access to Medicare and quality healthcare. She is the founder, lawyer, and responsible for all aspects of non-profit, public interest law organization. In 2013, she was also a Commissioner at the National Long Term Care Commission. Previous to that, she worked as a Managing Attorney, giving legal assistance to Medicare patients.

Claire Gill

Claire Gill joined the National Osteoporosis Foundation in January 2013, after a 20+ year career in Public Relations and Marketing for national nonprofit organizations and public relations firms with Fortune 500 clients. During her tenure at NOF, she has served in various roles, including Chief Marketing Officer, Chief Mission Officer and Interim CEO, prior to assuming the full-time CEO role in May 2020.

Claire has led all of NOF’s consumer and professional education programs. She created and launched NOF’s "Break Free from Osteoporosis" campaign, which generated hundreds of millions of media impressions from 2013-2016. As chief Mission Officer, Claire created the Healthy Bones, Build Them for Life™ Patient Registry, a first for the osteoporosis industry. She also helped to launch the National Bone Health Policy Institute and created the Coalition to Strengthen Bone Health, consisting of 14 leading aging, caregiver and bone health patient organizations.

In September 2019, Claire founded and launched the National Menopause Foundation to bring about a positive change in how people perceive and experience health at midlife. She now serves as a board member.

Claire is a graduate of Syracuse University’s Newhouse School. She is a member of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) and Les Dames d’Escoffier International (LDEI), a philanthropic organization supporting women in the food, beverage and hospitality industries.

John M. Clymer

John Clymer is Executive Director of the National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention, an independent, nonprofit catalyst for collaboration. Additionally, he is an adjunct assistant professor at Loma Linda University School of Public Health, guest lecturer at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and member of the U.S. Community Preventive Services Task Force.

During his tenure as president of Partnership for Prevention from 2001-2008, the organization won passage of landmark Medicare policy changes; established the National Commission on Prevention Priorities; was recognized by Harvard Business Review for a "Breakthrough Idea"; and quadrupled its income.

Clymer is the TEDMED Thought Leader for prevention and has served as a subject matter expert at the World Economic Forum’s Annual Meeting in Davos. He has conducted numerous Congressional briefings, appeared on NBC Nightly News, Fox News, CNBC, public radio, and in print media such as The New York Times, and authored book chapters, articles and commentaries on prevention.