Biographies of Panelists

Frederic Abergel
Since April 1st, 2015, Frederic Abergel is Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the CIUSSS North-of-Montreal, one of the 5 integrated health and social services center in the island of Montreal (Quebec, Canada). He is responsible for coordinating clinical care as well as quality and performance initiatives, in addition to directing corporate support services (quality-performance, facilities management and IT). From 2008 to 2015, he was responsible for coordinating primary, acute and rehabilitation care in Montreal at the Montreal Health And Social Services Agency, as well as planning medical manpower.

Trained as an occupational therapist, he holds a master’s degree in healthcare administration and a Ph.D. in public health (healthcare administration). He is a Certified Healthcare Executive from the Canadian College of Health Leaders, and member of peer-review committees at the Canadian Institute for Health Research (CIHR).

Sonia Angell
Dr. Sonia Angell is a Deputy Commissioner at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, overseeing the newly created Division of Prevention and Primary Care. This Division works to advance population health by improving access to high-quality health services and health insurance and introducing innovative system changes that promote disease prevention and control. It builds upon a history of innovative policy and programming in primary health care delivery systems and communities by bringing together the existing bureaus of Chronic Disease Prevention and Tobacco Control, Primary Care Information Project, and Primary Care Access and Planning. Prior to rejoining the NYC DOHMH in August 2014, Dr. Angell was a Senior Advisor for Global Noncommunicable Diseases at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta. Dr. Angell is board certified in internal medicine and is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University and an Assistant Attending Physician at New York Presbyterian Hospital. She received her medical degree from the University of California San Francisco and completed her residency in Internal Medicine at Brigham Women’s Hospital in Boston. She has a Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and a Masters in Public Health, Epidemiology from the University of Michigan. She is a former Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar and is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.

Nancy Berlinger
Nancy Berlinger is a research scholar at The Hastings Center since 2002, studying ethical challenges arising in health care work, encompassing health care ethics, public policy concerning health care access, and problems of safety and harm in health care systems. She is a graduate of Smith College (1984) and earned her doctorate in English Literature from the University of Glasgow (1988). She also received a MDiv, with a focus on ethics, from Union Theological Seminary (2002).

Lawrence Brown
Lawrence D. Brown served as former chair of the Mailman School’s Department of Health Policy and Management for 10 years and Columbia University’s Public Policy Consortium for three years. A political scientist, he served on the faculty of Harvard University and the University of Michigan, and held positions at the Brookings Institution before joining the Columbia faculty in 1988. Dr. Brown is the author of Politics and Health Care Organizations: HMOs as Federal Policy (Brookings Institution, 1983) and of articles on the political dimensions of community cost containment, expansion of coverage for the uninsured, national health reform,
the role of analysis in the formation of health policy, and cross-national health policy. Dr. Brown edited the Journal of Health Politics and Policy and Law for five years, and has served on several national advisory committees for the Robert Wood Johnson (RWJ) Foundation. He is a recipient of a RWJ Investigators in Health Policy award and a member of the Institute of Medicine.

**Pierre Gerlier (PG) Forest**

Dr. PG Forest is the new Dean of the School of Public Policy at the University of Calgary and Palmer Chair in Policy. He joined the University of Calgary after serving as director of the Johns Hopkins' Institute for Health and Social Policy since 2013. Prior to that, he served as president and CEO of the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation, where he was engaged in policy research in areas such as urban policy, immigration, democratic reform, and Canada’s energy future. Earlier in his career, PG Forest held prominent positions with Health Canada, where he was accountable for the quality and integrity of the ministry’s scientific and regulatory research. He also served as research director for the Royal Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada. PG Forest is a fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences.

**Michael K. Gusmano**

Michael K. Gusmano is Associate Professor in the Rutgers School of Public Health and a Research Scholar at the Hastings Center. His research focuses on health policy and comparative health systems, with a particular emphasis on inequities in health and health care. He co-directs the “World Cities Project” with Victor Rodwin and the “Undocumented Patients Project” with Nancy Berlinger. Dr. Gusmano serves as the International Editor for the Journal of Aging and Social Policy and an Associated Editor for Health Economics, Policy and Law.

**Antoine Groulx**

Antoine Groulx, MD, MSc, FCMF has been a family physician since 2004. During and after his studies, he has presided in many medical unions and occupied several medical-administrative hospital functions. He has also presided over the Quebec College of Family Physicians, and serves as an associate clinical professor at Laval University. Since 2013, he has served as the director of integrated primary health care organization at the Ministry of Health in Quebec while maintaining his clinical and teaching activities. He has been active in piloting primary care reform in the hope of improving Quebecers’ access to timely, high quality, local health care.

**Jill Huck**

Jill Huck is the Director of the Project Management Office for the DSRIP Program at The Mount Sinai Health System. In this role, she is responsible for all operational aspects of the DSRIP Performing Provider System, including project management, human resources, communications and PR, stakeholder engagement, network development, and data analysis. The Mount Sinai PPS, LLC links The Mount Sinai Health System to over 150 health partners and community-based organization with the goal of reducing avoidable hospital re-admissions through strengthening community partnerships and investing in technology to improve care delivery and patient access. Jill has worked in multiple sectors of the inpatient hospital including; rehabilitation medicine, information technology, project management, and strategic planning. She has been at Mount Sinai for over a decade. Prior to her role in DSRIP she worked for the Office of the President to further the successful integration of the Mount Sinai Hospital and Continuum Health Partners after the two hospital systems merged in 2013.
Ronda Kotelchuck
Ronda Kotelchuck is the founding and now retired CEO of the Primary Care Development Corporation (PCDC), a unique public-private partnership with a mission of expanding access and improving primary care in underserved communities. Since its inception in 1993, PCDC’s Capital Program has financed 120 primary care projects totaling $670 million in investment and providing new capacity to care for 860,000 low income Americans. PCDC has also worked with 900 health care organization and 7,000 health care workers to cut waiting times, create same-day access, reduce no-shows, develop team-based, coordinated care, create patient-centered processes, increase productivity, adopt and use electronic health records and implement the patient centered medical home model of primary care.

Ms. Kotelchuck served on the original workgroup that conceptualized, designed and established PCDC and has served as its CEO from 1993 when it commenced operations to 2015, when she retired. Prior to PCDC, she worked for the NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation where, as Vice President for Corporate Planning and Intergovernmental Relations, she spearheaded HHC’s 1989 strategic plan which focused in part on the need for primary and preventive care. Ms. Kotelchuck previously worked for the NYC Financial Control Board, the Greater Boston Health Systems Agency and the Health Policy Advisory Center. Ms. Kotelchuck received her Masters in Regional Planning from Cornell University and her Bachelor of Arts from Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon.

Steven Newmark
Steven Newmark is the Senior Health Policy Advisor in the Office of the New York City Mayor, where he works directly with the City’s Health Department and municipal hospital system (NYC Health + Hospitals), and spearheads mayoral initiatives aimed at expanding access to primary care. Steven previously served as General Counsel to then Public Advocate Bill de Blasio, and as a health law litigator at the law firm Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, where his team successfully argued over a dozen cases before various appellate courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court. Steven is also an adjunct professor in health care policy at CUNY Baruch.

Raynald Pineault
Dr. Raynald Pineault holds a PhD in medical care organization from the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor). He was Director of the Department of Social and Preventive Medicine from 1981 to 1992 and Vice Dean of Public Health from 1993 to 1995 in the Faculty of Medicine at Université de Montréal. From 1997 to 2001 he was Director of the Health Interdisciplinary Research Group and Deputy Director of the CHUM Research Center. His research interests have more recently focused on the problems of primary care as well as knowledge transfer and dissemination of research results to managers and decision makers. He is the author of numerous scientific articles and has directed more than thirty master’s and doctorate students. He was named professor emeritus at Université de Montréal in September 2003. The Québec Population Health Research Network in 2006 awarded him the prize for “distinguished scholar.” He is currently consulting physician to the Public Health Department of Montreal and the National Public Health Institute of Quebec.

Victor Rodwin
Victor G. Rodwin is Professor of Health Policy and Management, Wagner School of Public Service, New York University. He is co-director (with Michael K. Gusmano) of the World Cities Project. His research focuses on health planning and policy, comparative analysis of health care systems, and urban health with special attention to health system performance and aging in world cities. Some recent publications include a book (with M. Gusmano and D. Weisz) Health Care in World Cities: New York, London and Paris (Johns Hopkins U. Press, 2010; Disparities in access to health care among three French regions (Health Policy), Dimensions

**Denis A. Roy**
Dr. Denis A. Roy holds a community medicine specialty and is a Harkness Fellow of the Commonwealth Fund in Health Policy. Since May 2015, he serves as Vice-President, Science and Clinical Governance at Institut national d’excellence en santé et services sociaux. He is also Acting President of the Canadian Association of Health Services and Policy Research (CAHSPR / ACRSPS). From 2009 to 2015, as Vice-President, Scientific Affairs, he has been responsible of the Institut National de Santé Publique du Québec comprehensive scientific program on the determinants of population health. Dr. Roy has also been president of the Board of l'Initiative sur le Partage des Connaissances et le Développement des Compétences, a province-wide capacity building consortium aimed at health system improvement. He is the proud co-author of a reference book on health networks’ management and governance. Previously, Dr. Roy has occupied three other executive leadership positions at l’Agence de la Santé et des Services Sociaux de la Montérégie, at the Quebec Health and Social Services Ministry and at the Montreal Public Health Department.

**Sam Solomon**
Sam Solomon is an attorney and the Deputy Director of Policy for the New York City Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs. He has served on the steering committee of the Mayor’s Task Force on Immigrant Health Care Access and has published works on the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, among other topics. From 2006 to 2010, he served as the associate editor of the National Review of Medicine, in Montreal, where he reported on Canadian health policy.

**Rishi Sood**
Rishi Sood is Deputy Director of Policy in the New York City Health Department’s Bureau of Primary Care Access and Planning. In this role he works on various policy initiatives to improve access to quality primary care for New York City’s low-income and immigrant populations. He was the Department’s lead representative on the recent Mayor’s Task Force on Immigrant Health Care Access and in this capacity led the Task Force’s subgroup focused on care and coverage options for the uninsured. Rishi has a Master’s degree in Public Health and an undergraduate degree in medical anthropology, both from Case Western Reserve University. His previous work experience includes work at the Prevention Research Center for Healthy Neighborhoods in Cleveland, OH and at the Nassau County Department of Health in New York.

**Erin Strumpf**
Erin Strumpf is an Associate Professor in the Department of Economics and the Department of Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Occupational Health at McGill University. She received her Ph.D. in Health Policy from Harvard University and was awarded a Research Scholar Career Award from the Fonds de recherche du Québec – Santé and the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux du Québec. Dr. Strumpf's research in health economics focuses on measuring the impacts of policies designed to improve the delivery of health care services and improve health outcomes. She examines the effects on health care spending and health outcomes overall, and on inequalities across groups. She has presented her work to provincial ministries of health and of finance in Canada, and to policymakers in France and the United States.
Anne Lemay
Anne Lemay is a health economist who serves as associate executive director at the CIUSSS Centre Ouest in Montreal. She has a doctorate degree in public health and health care organization. She has held many positions responsible for performance and quality evaluation in academic hospitals in Quebec and Ontario, and has also held positions in provincial associations of hospitals and other health care facilities. She is adjunct professor at the Public Health School of Montreal University, and served as director of Health Care Safer Now Campaign in Quebec for 4 years, as well as an accreditation surveyor for Accreditation Canada for 10 years.

Ram Raju
Dr. Ramanathan (Ram) Raju, is the President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NYC Health + Hospitals Corporation, the largest municipal healthcare system in the nation. Dr. Raju was appointed by Mayor Bill de Blasio in January 2014 to lead the 42,000 employees of this $7.2 billion health system, providing essential services to 1.4 million New Yorkers, including more than 425,000 uninsured, every year in more than 70 locations across the City’s five boroughs.

Prior to becoming President and CEO of NYC Health + Hospitals, Dr. Raju served as Chief Executive Officer for Cook County Health & Hospitals System (CCHHS) in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Raju spent 25 years as a practicing vascular and trauma surgeon in Brooklyn, before going on to serve as the Chief Operating Officer and Medical Director at NYC Health + Hospitals/Coney Island. In 2006 he became NYC Health + Hospitals Chief Medical Officer, Corporate Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President. During his tenure, the system achieved great successes in quality, patient safety, and healthcare data transparency. Dr. Raju has published widely in academic medical journals, such as, Epidemiology, The Heart Surgery Forum, Annals of Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and The Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety. He serves on the Boards of Trustees of the American Hospital Association, where he chairs the Equity of Care committee, and the Healthcare Association of New York State. He is a member of the Board of Directors of America’s Essential Hospitals as well as the Board of Directors of the Greater New York Hospital Association, where he serves as Vice Chair.