

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

### **Value-Based Pricing for Prescription Drugs: Opportunities and Challenges**

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**STEVEN PEARSON** is the founder and president of the Institute for Clinical and Economic Review (ICER), an independent non-profit organization that evaluates the evidence on the value of medical tests, treatments, and delivery system innovations and moves that evidence into action to improve patient care and control costs. Prominent among its evidence reports are ICER reviews of new drugs that include full assessments of clinical and cost-effectiveness along with suggested “value-based price benchmarks” to inform policymakers and guide price and coverage negotiation. ICER convenes public hearings to discuss its evidence reports under the auspices of the California Technology Assessment Forum (CTAF) and Comparative Effectiveness Public Advisory Councils (CEPAC) in New England and the Midwest. At these meetings independent groups of evidence experts and public representatives engage with all stakeholders to debate the strength of evidence and provide recommendations on how best to apply the best evidence to clinical practice and coverage policies. Dr. Pearson is a Lecturer in the Department of Population Medicine at Harvard Medical School and from 2005-2006 served during the Bush Administration as Special Advisor on Technology and Coverage Policy within the Coverage and Analysis Group at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Dr. Pearson has also been a Senior Visiting Fellow at England’s National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE), the Vice Chair of the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee (MedCAC), and a Senior Fellow at America’s Health Insurance Plans.

**LEIGH PURVIS** is the director of health services research in AARP’s Public Policy Institute. She leads a team of policy analysts and researchers who work on health care issues that are relevant to the 50+ population. In addition, Ms. Purvis heads the Institute’s work on prescription drug and mental health issues. Her primary areas of expertise are prescription drug pricing, biologic drugs, and prescription drug coverage under Medicare. She is a coauthor of the Public Policy Institute’s annual Rx Price Watch reports, which track price trends for prescription drugs widely used by older Americans. Ms. Purvis joined AARP in 2005 as a senior policy research analyst. Prior to her tenure at AARP, she worked for the American Psychological Association. Ms. Purvis is a recognized expert on prescription drug issues and frequently speaks with the press. Ms. Purvis has a MPA with a concentration in health administration and policy from George Mason University and a BS in psychology from the University of Mary Washington. She also holds a certificate in gerontology from the University of Washington.

**ROBERT DUBOIS** is the chief science officer and executive vice president of the National Pharmaceutical Council (NPC). In this role, he oversees NPC’s research on policy issues related to comparative effectiveness research, as well as on how health outcomes are valued. Dr. Dubois, who is board certified in internal medicine, brings more than 25 years of experience in health services research and comparative clinical effectiveness. He has co-founded and led various health care research organizations in developing quality research with practical application. Most recently, he was the chief medical officer at Cerner LifeScience, where he focused on comparative effectiveness and the use of an electronic health records infrastructure to implement clinical change. Prior to joining Cerner in 2001, Dr. Dubois co-founded Protocare Sciences and was its executive vice president, chief medical officer, and later its CEO. Throughout his career, Dr. Dubois’ primary

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