

Speaker Biographies
“A Dose of reality in the Virtual World of Health IT”
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ANNE-MARIE J. AUDET, M.D., is vice president for health system quality and efficiency at The Commonwealth Fund. Dr. Audet worked in policy analysis at the American College of Physicians. She led the implementation of the Medicare Health Care Quality Improvement Program in Massachusetts while working at the Massachusetts Peer Review Organization. Dr. Audet served as director of the Office for Clinical Effectiveness/Process Improvement at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, where she was responsible for development of quality measurement systems, educational programs, and institution-wide medication safety initiatives, and an assistant professor in medicine at Harvard University. She was also co-editor of "Clinical Crossroads," a series published monthly in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Dr. Audet was appointed to the Institute of Medicine Subcommittee on Quality Improvement Organizations' Evaluation. She serves on the Massachusetts Medical Society and Alliance Charitable Foundation Board and is an assistant professor of medicine and public health at Cornell University. Dr. Audet holds a B.Sc. in cell and molecular biology and an M.D. and M.Sc. in Epidemiology from McGill University and an S.M. in health policy and management from Harvard University

FARZAD MOSTASHARI, M.D., serves as national coordinator for health information technology within the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) for Health Information Technology at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Mostashari joined ONC in July 2009. Previously, he served at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene as assistant commissioner for the Primary Care Information Project, where he facilitated the adoption of prevention-oriented health information technology by over 1,500 providers in underserved communities. Dr. Mostashari also led the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)-funded NYC Center of Excellence in Public Health Informatics and an Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality-funded project focused on quality measurement at the point of care. Prior to that, he established the Bureau of Epidemiology Services at the NYC Department of Health. He was one of the lead investigators in the outbreaks of West Nile Virus and anthrax in New York City, and among the first developers of real-time electronic disease surveillance systems nationwide. Dr. Mostashari did his graduate training at the Harvard School of Public Health and Yale Medical School, and completed an internal medicine residency at Massachusetts General Hospital.

ANDREW RACINE, M.D., is senior vice president and chief medical officer of the Montefiore Medical Center, and is also director of the Montefiore Medical Group in New York. He is also professor of clinical pediatrics at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research. His research collaborations there have involved the impact of a variety of public health programs on child health. Dr. Racine has been active in child health advocacy at the national level and serves on the National Committee on Child Health Financing at the American Academy of Pediatrics. He formerly served as Director of the Division of General Pediatrics at AECOM. Dr. Racine holds combined degrees in medicine and economics having received his M.D. and Ph.D. from New York University as a National Research Service Award scholar from 1975-1983. He trained in pediatrics at the Boston Children's Hospital.

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CRAIG SAMITT, M.D., is president and CEO of Dean Health System, a large integrated delivery system in the Midwest. Dr. Samitt leads a team of nearly 500 doctors, 4,000 staff, 60 clinical and retail facilities, a 300,000 member health plan, and a 2 million member pharmacy benefit manager. Under Dr. Samitt's leadership, Dean has advanced an Accountable Care Organization model. Prior to his tenure at Dean, he served at Fallon Clinic as chief operating officer, on the turnaround team of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care as senior vice president, and at Harvard Community Health Plan/Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates as executive director of its flagship site. In 2012, Dr. Samitt was appointed to the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission. He is also a chair emeritus of the Group Practice Improvement Network, a co-chair of the Patient Centered Primary Care Collaborative Center for Accountable Care, and a director of the Wisconsin Statewide Health Information Network. Dr. Samitt graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Tufts University, received his MD from Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons, completed his clinical training at Harvard's Brigham and Women's Hospital, and earned his MBA from the Wharton School.

CHRISTINE SINSKY, M.D., is a general internist at Medical Associates Clinic and Health Plans, in Dubuque, Iowa. She is a member of the Institute of Medicine's Committee on Patient Safety and Health Information Technology and a co-author of the Institute of Medicine's 2011 report, Health IT and Patient Safety: Building Safer Systems for Better Care. She also serves on the physician advisory panel for the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) physician recognition programs, is a member of the Society of General Internal Medicine's Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) working group and is a consultant for the John D. Stoeckle Center for Primary Care Innovation at the Massachusetts General Hospital. Her practice has been a level 3 Patient Centered Medical Home since 2008. Dr. Sinsky received her bachelors and medical degrees from the University of Wisconsin, and completed her postgraduate residency at Gundersen Medical Foundation/La Crosse Lutheran Hospital, in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.