

**SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**  
**“Bridging the Divide:  
Medicare’s Role in Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities”**  
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**Peter Bach, M.D.** is an associate attending physician at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. He is an NIH-funded researcher with expertise in quality of care and epidemiologic research methods. His research on health disparities, variations in healthcare quality, and lung cancer epidemiology has appeared in *The New England Journal of Medicine* and the *Journal of the American Medical Association* and the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*. Dr. Bach served as a senior adviser to the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services from February 2005 through November 2006. Dr. Bach’s work at CMS focused on improving evidence about the effect of therapies and devices, and revising payment to enhance care quality. He was the agency lead on cancer policy. During the Rwandan Civil War, he was a camp physician in Goma, Zaire, caring for refugees. He is board certified in internal medicine, pulmonary medicine and critical care medicine. Dr. Bach received his bachelor’s degree in English and American Literature from Harvard College, his MD from the University of Minnesota, and his Master of Arts degree in Public Policy from the University of Chicago, where he was also a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar. He completed his clinical training in internal medicine, pulmonary and critical care at the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

**Carolyn M. Clancy, M.D.**, was appointed director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) on February 5, 2003. Prior to her appointment, Dr. Clancy had served as AHRQ's acting director since March 2002 and previously was director of the Agency's Center for Outcomes and Effectiveness Research. The mission of AHRQ is to improve the quality, safety, effectiveness and efficiency of health care for all Americans. Dr. Clancy, a general internist and health services researcher, is a graduate of Boston College and the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Following clinical training in internal medicine, Dr. Clancy was a Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania. She was also an assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond before joining AHRQ in 1990. Dr. Clancy holds an academic appointment at George Washington University School of Medicine (Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Medicine) and serves as senior associate editor, *Health Services Research*. Dr. Clancy has served on multiple editorial boards (currently *Annals of Family Medicine*, *American Journal of Medical Quality*, and *Medical Care Research and Review*), has published widely in peer reviewed journals and has edited or contributed to seven books. Additionally, Dr. Clancy is a member of the Board of Directors for the National Quality Forum. She is a member of the Institute of Medicine and was elected a Master of the American College of Physicians in 2004. Her major research interests include various dimensions of health care quality, including women's health, primary care, access to care, and the impact of financial incentives on physicians' decisions.

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**Renée M. Landers** is an associate professor of law at Suffolk University Law School, where she has taught since 2002. She currently teaches health law, constitutional law and administrative law. Mrs. Landers was a member of the National Academy of Social Insurance Study Panel on Medicare and Disparities which released its report in October 2006. From 2003 to 2004, she was president of the Boston Bar Association. From 1997 to 2002, Professor Landers served as counsel in the health law group at Ropes & Gray. Before joining Ropes & Gray, she served as Deputy General Counsel for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, advising Department officials on health information privacy, controlled substances policy and Congressional investigations. From 1993 until 1996, she served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Policy Development, U.S. Department of Justice. Before government service, she was an assistant professor at Boston College Law School, teaching health care law, administrative law, and constitutional law. Professor Landers is a co-author of *“Research” in the Information Age*, published in 2002 as part of the Topical Insight Series by the American Health Lawyers Association. With Lawrence Friedman, she is the co-author of *Domestic Electronic Surveillance and the Constitution*, forthcoming in the JOHN MARSHALL JOURNAL OF COMPUTER AND INFORMATION LAW. She is a 1977 graduate of Radcliffe College and a 1985 graduate of Boston College Law School.