2022 CTSA Program Annual Meeting
General Session Speakers, Panelists, and Moderators

Emily Barey, Vice President of Nursing
EPIC

Emily Barey is the Vice President of Nursing at Epic. In this role she contributes to product management in the areas of nursing, community health and social care. She leads the Epic Nursing Advisory Council and Coordinated Care Management forum, consults with Epic customers globally on strategies for comprehensive care record adoption and collaborates closely with the Epic research and development teams on enhancements to support interdisciplinary practice across the continuum of care and service. She was on the original team that architected the first integrated health and social care record as part of the Epic-Apotti program in Helsinki, Finland.

Nationally, Emily served two terms on the Certification Commission for Health Information Technology (CCHIT) Inpatient Workgroup that sets the standards for all electronic health records (EHRs) in the United States and in 2015 worked on the US Office of the National Coordinator’s Health IT Safety Roadmap Task Force. Since 2020, Emily has also collaborated with the Scottsdale Institute on leading their annual Social Determinants of Health Summit with national leaders from population health, community health and investment, and health equity.

She has published on EHR implementation in the textbook Nursing Informatics and the Foundation of Knowledge, and on Computerized Physician Order Entry in The Essentials of Nursing Informatics, 5th Edition. Past speaking engagements include the American Nursing Informatics Association, the Health Information Management Systems Society, and the Nurses in Care of Health System Elders at New York University, among others.

She is the recipient of the Edward Coakley Visiting Scholar Award from the Massachusetts General Hospital and the Edward B. Kovar Memorial Lecture Award from the New England Public Health Association. She is a graduate of the Yale School of Nursing.
L. Ebony Boulware, MD MPH  
Nanline Duke Distinguished Professor of Medicine, Duke University

Dr. Ebony Boulware is a general internist, physician-scientist and clinical epidemiologist who seeks to improve the health and health equity of individuals and communities affected by chronic health conditions such as kidney disease. A national thought leader in health equity, she has identified patient, clinician, system, and community-level barriers that result in disparate outcomes for historically marginalized individuals. Through her research, she has developed successful interventions, shaped guidelines, raised physician awareness and changed clinical practice. Dr. Boulware also works to achieve transparency and trustworthiness in science and medicine.

Dr. Boulware directs the Duke Clinical and Translational Science Institute as Vice Dean for Translational Science, and Associate Vice Chancellor for Translational Research; and she is the Chief of the Duke Division of General Internal Medicine in the Department of Medicine. Her research has been continuously funded by the National Institutes for Health, the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute, and other organizations throughout her career. She has published over 200 manuscripts, book chapters, and editorials, and she mentors numerous students, residents, fellows, and faculty members.

Dr. Boulware is an elected member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation, the National Academy of Medicine, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Education

- A.B. Vassar College, 1991
- M.D. Duke University, 1995
- M.P.H. Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, 1999
The Assembly of Petworth is a non-profit, culturally diverse and multi-ethnic community empowerment organization serving the metropolitan Washington area around issues concerning health disparities, technology, workforce and community development. The Assembly of Petworth is only one of three unique community organizations of its type in the United States at the time of its original conception. It was funded by a grant from the Kellogg Foundation. The Assembly deploys a multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural cadre of board members and consultants in the development of corporate projects.

Mr. Bridgewater is the President and CEO of the Assembly of Petworth. He has guided and directed over several major community development organizations whose work is concentrated in business development, institutional capacity building and public policy intervention strategies designed to eliminate the disadvantages of multi-generational poverty and disinvestment of inner-city communities. He is involved in many diverse programs, united by a common theme of providing health, education and social services for underserved, at-risk populations of the District of Columbia including: low achieving youth, ex-offenders, welfare recipients in need of job training, mothers, fathers, infants, children, families and seniors in need of healthcare.

Mr. Bridgewater plays a significant role in overseeing operations of and bringing community resources to a number of projects such as: the March of Dimes Mama and Baby Bus – a pre-natal mobile unit and the NICU project at the Children National Medical Center; Howard University Prostate Cancer and Diabetes Tele-health Mobile Unit; WUSA TV-9 Grass root and Media Campaign around Men’s Health Initiative (prostate cancer); National Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP); Telehealth Hypertension and Kidney Project; National Medical Association Diabetes Education Program; University of the District of Columbia/Emergency Management System (UDC/EMS) Academy and Cadet Program – a bilingual training and certification of EMS cadets and the Assistant Technology Project – developing a multi-media job training and career development program for the developmentally disabled, senior and veterans population. Domestically and Internationally, Mr. Bridgewater has designed, developed and coordinated the Tele-health / Telemedicine Medical Mobile Unit Model to achieve improved health delivery and outcomes. He is currently providing full project management services enhanced by his expertise in community development, micro-enterprise and public-private partnership. His telehealth mobile unit public-private model
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built a successful working relationship with hospitals / clinics, universities, healthcare providers, health departments / ministries, both domestically and internationally, which is the key to a successful approach. Mr. Bridgewater insisted of building and sustaining a Technology and Medical infrastructure that will support his mobile unit project has brought him great success domestically and internationally.

Dr. Robert M. Califf, 25th Commissioner of Food and Drugs
FDA

As Commissioner, Dr. Califf oversees the full breadth of the FDA portfolio and execution of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and other applicable laws. This includes assuring the safety, effectiveness, and security of human and veterinary drugs, vaccines and other biological products for human use, and medical devices; the safety and security of our nation’s food supply, cosmetics, dietary supplements, products that give off electronic radiation; and the regulation of tobacco products.

Dr. Califf has had a long and distinguished career as a physician, researcher, and leader in the fields of science and medicine. He is a nationally recognized expert in cardiovascular medicine, health outcomes research, health care quality, and clinical research, and a leader in the growing field of translational research, which is key to ensuring that advances in science translate into medical care.

This is Dr. Califf’s second stint as Commissioner. He also served in 2016 as the 22nd Commissioner. Before assuming the position at that time, he served as the FDA’s Deputy Commissioner for Medical Products and Tobacco.

Prior to rejoining the FDA in 2022, Dr. Califf was head of medical strategy and Senior Advisor at Alphabet Inc., contributing to strategy and policy for its health subsidiaries Verily Life Sciences and Google Health. He joined Alphabet in 2019, after serving as a professor of medicine and vice chancellor for clinical and translational research at Duke University. He also served as director of the Duke Translational Medicine Institute and was the founding director of the Duke Clinical Research Institute.

Dr. Califf is a graduate of Duke University School of Medicine. He completed a residency in internal medicine at the University of California, San Francisco and a fellowship in cardiology at Duke.
| **Lori Carter-Edwards, PhD, MPH, Assistant Dean for Community Engagement**  
**Kaiser Permanente Bernard J. Tyson School of Medicine** |
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<td>Dr. Carter-Edwards oversees the Kaiser Permanente Bernard J. Tyson School of Medicine’s roadmap efforts to engage with community partners in the city of Pasadena and across the wider Los Angeles County area, working with stakeholders in the non-profit, healthcare, government, faith-based-and social services sectors. A nationally recognized expert in community engaged research, Dr. Carter-Edwards previously served as Associate Professor in the Public Health Leadership Program at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill Gillings School of Global Public Health (UNCSPH); as Director of the Community and Stakeholder Engagement (CaSE) Program with the North Carolina Translational and Clinical Sciences Institute (NC TraCS); and as Co-Director of the Academic Career Leadership Academy in Medicine. She currently serves as an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Public Health Leadership Program at the UNCSPH, DEIA Faculty Liaison for NC TraCS, and is the Co-Lead of the CTSA DEIA Task Force. Dr. Carter-Edwards has 25 years of experience conducting observational studies, interventions, and programs—including numerous grant-funded projects—with emphasis on social determinants of health associated with cardiovascular-related risk factors and outcomes in African American faith communities. She has authored or co-authored more than 50 peer-reviewed articles and books.</td>
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| **Dr. Irvin PeDro Cohen, Executive Director**  
**Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)** |
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<td>Dr. Irvin PeDro Cohen is the Executive Director of LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation) Jacksonville. Dr. Cohen is a Jacksonville, FL native and he received his bachelor’s degree in Sociology from the University of North Florida, an MBA in Marketing from Pfeiffer University in Charlotte, NC and a Doctorate in Organizational Leadership and Urban Education from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale. His research is largely centered on the social wellbeing (education, healthcare and economics) of low socioeconomic communities, particularly the role the African American church plays within that space. Dr. Cohen serves on the advisory boards of the University of North Florida’s School of Education, the University of Florida’s Clinical Translation Science and Vanderbilt University’s Recruitment Innovation Center. He is a member of the Jacksonville Downtown Rotary Club, the Jacksonville Chapter NAACP, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated and a member of Leadership Jax Class of 2014. His blog can be read at <a href="http://www.irvinpedrocohen.blogspot.com">www.irvinpedrocohen.blogspot.com</a></td>
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Karen Awura Adjoa Ronke Coker, 4th Year PHD Candidate
University of Florida

Ms. Coker is a 4th year PhD Candidate in the Department of Environmental and Global Health. She is a TL1 Pre-Doctoral Fellow at the University of Florida Center for Translational Science Institute. Her research focuses on the socio-historical (e.g., structural racism) and climate change impacts on health (e.g., mental well-being and resilience) in the United States and Senegal. Karen earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies: Global Health and Environment and French Language Studies at the University of Michigan (2015). While at the University of Michigan, she participated in the undergraduate research opportunity program for a year, where she investigated and supported work on Race/Ethnicity, Psychosocial and Environmental Stressors, and Telomere Length in Dr. Geronimus Lab. She received a Master’s degree in International Affairs (2017) from Penn State University, where her research investigated the impact of poor air quality and respiratory health due to extreme dust events in Dakar, Senegal. Currently, as a TL1 Fellow, Karen is investigating how Black Women conceptualize Trust in their reproductive provider space and how these characteristics will inform the development of a mindfulness-based tool. She is also working in Senegal investigating the impacts of extreme weather events impact on mental wellbeing and resilience in rural communities. She looks forward to serving as the pre-doctoral representative for the national TL1 program and a member of the TL1 Executive Committee and CTSA Steering Committee.

Dr. Harold R. Collard is the vice chancellor for Clinical Research at UCSF, Professor of Medicine and Health Policy
University of California – San Francisco

As vice chancellor for Research, Collard oversees and stewards UCSF’s research mission. Deeply committed to advancing UCSF’s research mission, Collard previously served as associate vice chancellor of Clinical Research and director of UCSF’s Clinical and Translational Science Institute. In this role, he helped to position the University as a leader in the NIH’s national consortium of clinical research institutions and developed programs to support the needs of its clinical trialists and biospecimen-based researchers. During this time, Collard also helped lead the UCSF research community through the early phases of the SARS CoV-2 pandemic, advocating strongly for their needs.

As professor of Medicine and Health Policy, Collard has written seminal articles on the epidemiology, natural history, and management of interstitial lung disease, and is an internationally recognized clinical researcher. Collard has trained dozens of clinical and translational
research fellows, a number of whom are now leading academic research programs in interstitial lung disease around the world.

| Linda B. Cottler, PhD, MPH, FACE  
| University of Florida  

Dr. Cottler is Senior Associate Dean for Research for the College of Public Health and Health Professions and Dean’s Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Florida. Before moving to UF to become Founding Chair of the Department of Epidemiology (2011-2018), Dr. Cottler was at Washington University for 30 years, where she earned her PhD and developed a robust research program in addiction and community engagement science. Continuously funded by NIDA since 1989, her research has included: development of culturally reliable and valid measures for identifying substance use, abuse and dependence, along with psychiatric disorders and their risk factors; innovative methods for conducting national surveys of high risk behaviors; and community based, peer-delivered interventions to change high risk behaviors and substance abuse. Her work has had international focus, extending to Afghanistan, Australia, Haiti, India, Kenya, Taiwan, and Thailand. She is Founding Director of HealthStreet (1989)—a community engagement program in which Community Health Workers assess health concerns and needs of community members and provide referrals to medical and social services and opportunities to participate in research. Dr. Cottler was funded in 2021 by the CDC for an innovative partnership between Clinical and Translational Science Award hubs and local Extension agents, to improve COVID-19 vaccination rates for underserved populations. She was also just funded for an All of Us initiative to increase researcher engagement with the data workbench and recruit individuals through another nationwide partnership. Dr. Cottler is the current President of the Association for Clinical and Translational Science.

| Dr. Juan Espinoza  
| University of Southern California, Keck School of Medicine  

After completing his undergraduate degree at Washington University in St. Louis, Dr. Juan Espinoza received an Intramural Research Training Award (IRTA) at the Immunotherapy Unit of the National Institute on Aging at the National Institutes of Health. During his time at the NIH, Juan worked on small molecule design, developing new therapeutic and research tools. Successively, Juan attended the USC Keck School of Medicine, receiving his MD in 2010. Juan completed his pediatric residency at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles in 2013, and in 2014 he became an Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles and the USC Keck School of Medicine.
Dr. Espinoza’s clinical time is focused on complex care coordination and obesity management, while his research focuses on informatics, technology, health equity, and global health. He is the Co-Director of Clinical Research Informatics Core for the SC CTSI (UL1TR001855), Medical Director of the CHLA Innovation Studio, Methods and Data Core Director for the Southern California Center for Latino Health (P50MD017344), Research Lead for the International Digital Health Team, and Director and Principal Investigator for The West Coast Consortium for Technology & Innovation Pediatrics (P50FD006425); an FDA-funded pediatric medical device accelerator. His overarching career goal as a researcher, physician and advocate is to identify, refine, and innovate approaches to using data and technology to improve health outcomes and narrow the health gap faced by marginalized communities in the US and abroad.

Juan’s academic interests are complemented by his experiences outside of medicine; in 2010 he co-founded GC/MDDM, a digital media production company that worked with television, film, web, and mobile technologies. Through this endeavor, he has partnered with both the entertainment and healthcare industries to create and implement technology and media solutions. Dr. Espinoza utilizes these same skills in his research, teaching, and clinical practice.

Maurice B. Fluitt, PhD, Assistant Professor
Howard University College of Medicine

Dr. Fluitt is an Assistant Professor and GHUCCTS KL2 Scholar at the Howard University College of Medicine in the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism in the Department of Medicine. He leads the Laboratory of Epigenetic and Metabolic Research (LEMR) at Howard University, where his work aims to identify early markers and mechanisms of type 2 diabetes mellitus and its renal complications. Dr. Fluitt completed his PhD at Howard in Genetics and Human Genetics as an AGEP Fellow. He later completed competitive postdoctoral fellowships at Georgetown University (Renal Physiology) as a GHUCCTS TL1 post-doctoral Fellow and an American Diabetes Association post-doctoral fellow.
Laura James, M.D. Principal Investigator, Director, Translational Research Institute Associate Vice Chancellor for Clinical and Translational Research Professor of Pediatrics University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS)

As principal investigator and director of the UAMS Translational Research Institute (TRI) and associate vice chancellor for Clinical and Translational Research, Laura James, M.D., is responsible for the overall administration and strategic development of the institute. She currently serves as the co-chair of the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences Clinical and Translational Science Awards Program Steering Committee and is a board member of the Association for Clinical and Translational Science. James is a professor of pediatrics at the UAMS College of Medicine and a faculty member in the Division of Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology within the Section of Emergency Medicine at Arkansas Children’s Hospital. She has extensive experience in clinical and translational research in NIH-supported research networks. Her research program in acetaminophen toxicity has been funded by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) since 1999. In 2006, she co-founded Acetaminophen Toxicity Diagnostics (ATD) LLC, to develop a novel laboratory test, AcetaSTAT, for the rapid detection of acetaminophen toxicity. This research is funded by the Small Business Technology Transfer program of NIDDK. James was named an inaugural fellow of the Arkansas Research Alliance in 2014. She received her medical degree from the University of South Carolina and completed a pediatrics residency at UAMS. She completed fellowships in pediatric emergency medicine and pediatric pharmacology and toxicology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and UAMS, respectively. She joined the faculty of UAMS in 1994.

Tesheia H. Johnson, MBA, MHS, is Deputy Director and Chief Operations Officer of YCCI and the Director of Clinical Research for Yale School of Medicine, where she provides leadership and direction in the area of clinical research. She is co-founder, along with the community leaders of the AME Zion Church and Junta for Progressive Action, of the Yale Cultural Ambassadors program, launched more than ten years ago with a mission to catalyze the sustainable advancement of patient diversity, equity, and inclusion in clinical research. Ms. Johnson is nationally recognized for her expertise in the design and setup of clinical research programs.
Michael G. Kurilla, M.D., Ph.D. Director, Division of Clinical Innovation National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences National Institutes of Health

Michael Kurilla is the director of the Division of Clinical Innovation at NCATS. In this capacity, he oversees the Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) Program, which supports innovative solutions to advance the efficiency, quality and impact of translational science, with the ultimate goal of getting more treatments to more patients more quickly. Prior to joining NCATS, Kurilla served as the director of the Office of Biodefense Research Resources and Translational Research within the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), where he focused on translational efforts toward infectious disease product development, including vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics, with emphasis on biodefense and emerging infectious disease threats. Prior to joining NIAID in 2003, Kurilla was an associate director for infectious diseases at Wyeth. He also worked in antimicrobials at DuPont and on clinical microbiology and molecular pathology at the University of Virginia Health Sciences Center.

Kurilla received his M.D. and his Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology from Duke University. He was a postdoctoral research fellow at Harvard Medical School and completed a residency in pathology at Brigham and Women's Hospital. He received a B.S. in chemistry from the California Institute of Technology. Research Topics Kurilla’s research interests include all facets of translational science, especially innovative and novel interventional concepts requiring additional input from regulatory science to enable viable, robust developmental pathway.

Reverend Dr. Leroy O. Perry
St. Stephens AME Zion Church and Cultural Ambassador, Yale Clinical Research Program

The Reverend Dr. Leroy O. Perry is the pastor of St. Stephens AME Zion Church. He earned his BA from Livingstone College, his MDiv from Yale Divinity School, and his STM and doctoral degree from New York Theological Seminary in New York City.

Rev. Perry served on Mayor O’Leary's commission for diversity study for the City of Waterbury, and as chair of the Clergy Support committee for Waterbury Opportunities Industrialization Center, where he worked to foster Black economic development in the area. For over five years, he served as the director of the Fatherhood Program at New Opportunities in Waterbury, CT.

Although he was aware of health care disparities before becoming a Cultural Ambassador, Rev. Perry was not aware of the clinical research conducted at Yale. Like many African Americans of his generation, there was a historical stigma dating back to the early antebellum period of
American history and the marginalized health care given to African Americans.

He was pleased to discover that YCCI wanted to establish a partnership with the community that would be built on an informed and clear definition of policies, procedures, and practices regarding clinical research, focusing on raising awareness about the need for minorities and marginalized populations to participate. He has led the Cultural Ambassadors for YCCI for over 12 years and is a passionate advocate within the African American community and the larger minority communities in general. He feels the partnership with Yale is a valuable learning exchange and a necessary adhesive needed to bridge an effective community relationship for the advancement of clinical research.

Dr. Monica L. Ponder, Assistant Professor
Howard University

Dr. Ponder is an Assistant Professor of Health Communication & Culture in the Department of Communication, Culture and Media Studies (CCMS) within the Cathy Hughes School of Communication at Howard University.

Dr. Ponder’s research interests are focused on organization-level health and crisis communication practice. She is the creator of The Henrietta Hypothesis, an interdisciplinary model for crisis communication. It is a 16-construct model aptly named “The Henrietta Hypothesis” in honor of Henrietta Lacks’ iconic healthcare case. This scholarship offers crisis communication recommendations for public health and health care organizations seeking to understand, reach, and engage historically marginalized and racialized groups during public health emergencies. Dr. Ponder is also the co-Principal Investigator of Project REFOCUS (Racial Ethnic Framing of Community-Informed and Unifying Surveillance). Project REFOCUS (PR) conceptualized and developed a novel set of tools communities can use to monitor and address how stigma and racism affect COVID disparities with the goal of creating a more effective response to COVID-19 and other public health crises in a community. Ultimately, Dr. Ponder aims to advance traditional health communication practice from operating solely at the individual level of behavior change into one that centers cultural perspectives and environmental context in its design.

As a scholar activist, Dr. Ponder has led many successful public health initiatives including advocating for the establishment of lactation rooms (pods) at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport – the world’s busiest airport, as well as leading plans for lactation support services for the 2017 National Women’s March (Washington, DC). She also

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serves as a community partner with the City of East Point, Georgia, and Morehouse School of Medicine to identify and address policies that may create or perpetuate health disparities. As a lifelong learner and practitioner, Dr. Ponder leverages, in her teaching, her 14+ year career in health communication at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Ponder views the classroom as a safe space and hopes that, through this process, students become aware of their own power as scholar activists, empowered learners, and as emerging public health change-makers.

Dr. Ponder holds BS and MS degrees in Chemistry from Clark Atlanta University, a MSPH in Epidemiology from Emory University and a PhD in Communication from Georgia State University.

**Brendaly Rodríguez, MA, CPH, Sr. Engagement Officer**  
**Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)**

Brendaly Rodriguez is a Senior Engagement Officer at the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). She provides consultative guidance on engagement to program officers and supports the management of PCORI’s research portfolio. In her work, she advises on strategies to ensure the engagement of patients and other stakeholders throughout the research process. She also contributes to generate new evidence-based approaches to support PCORI activities. Ms. Rodriguez has been involved with PCORI since 2013 serving over the years as a PCORI Ambassador, member of the Advisory Panel on Patient Engagement (PEAP 2017-2020), and team member on several PCORI-funded projects.

Before joining PCORI’s staff, Brendaly served as Director of the Chula Vista Community Collaborative (CVCC), bringing together diverse sectors of the local community to develop coordinated strategies to protect the health, safety, and wellness of residents living near the US-Mexico border while managing five (5) family resource centers at a school district. Prior, she managed the Community and Stakeholder Engagement Program of the Clinical and Translational Science Institute among other programs at the University of Miami where she led health promotion activities and managed clinical trials for nearly two decades. Ms. Rodriguez is a founding member and Past Co-President of the Florida Community Health Worker Coalition. She has over 25 years of experience in developing and administering community-based interventions that address health disparities in USA and Australia.
Doris Rubio
University of Pittsburgh

Doris Rubio is Professor of Medicine, Biomedical Informatics, Biostatistics, and Clinical & Translational Science at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. She is the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Clinical Research Education and Training, Health Sciences and directs the Institute for Clinical Research Education (ICRE). The ICRE has seven-degree programs and 15 career development programs for clinical and translational science researchers and medical educators. Dr. Rubio has been particularly committed to the mentorship and development of faculty of color and women in science. With the goal of addressing the limited number of people who are underrepresented in science, she started the LEADS (Leading Emerging and Diverse Scientists to Success) program, funded by NIGMS. Additionally, she has a U01 under the NIH’s Diversity Program Consortium and the National Research Mentoring Network to test an intervention for underrepresented biomedical researchers to help launch their research careers. Among other honors, she has received the Educator of the Year Award from the Association for Clinical and Translational Science (ACTS) in 2016 and the ACTS Award for Contributing to the Diversity and Inclusiveness of the Translational Research Workforce in 2021. She also was awarded the Chancellor’s Distinguished Public Service Award in 2021 given her work on diversifying the workforce.

Joni L. Rutter, PhD, Acting Director
National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS)

Dr. Rutter is the Acting Director at the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS). Dr. Rutter is responsible for planning and executing the Center’s complex and multifaceted pre-clinical and clinical programs. Before joining NCATS, she served as the Director of Scientific Programs within the All of Us Research Program of the Precision Medicine Initiative (NIH), and prior to that as Director of the Division of Neuroscience and Behavior at the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Dr. Rutter received her Ph.D. from Dartmouth Medical School and completed a fellowship at the National Cancer Institute. She is recognized for her work in basic and clinical research in human genetics and in the study of genetic and environmental risk factors focusing on the fields of cancer and addiction. Her primary scientific objective is to use translational science as a means to provide all people with more treatments more efficiently.
Mark Savage, JD, Managing Director, Digital Health Strategy & Policy
Savage & Savage LLC

Mark Savage is Managing Director, Digital Health Strategy & Policy, at Savage & Savage LLC, where he continues his passion to transform health care by developing and leveraging electronic health information exchange as the backbone for patient engagement and access, delivery reform and shared care planning, health equity, patient-generated health data and social determinants of health, and community and population health. Mark serves as SDOH Policy Advisor for the Gravity Project, building consensus-based standards for social determinants of health data integration, exchange, and use; serves on numerous multi-stakeholder policy committees under the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT; co-chaired the Health Care Task Force of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights; co-chaired the National Quality Forum’s Interoperability Committee; served on California’s Data Exchange Framework Stakeholder Advisory Group; serves on the board of directors of Manifest MedEx, one of the nation’s largest nonprofit health information exchanges; and has provided Congressional testimony and numerous presentations on diverse health IT issues. Previously, Mark was Director of Health Policy at UC San Francisco’s Center for Digital Health Innovation, where he led health policy strategy and development. In 2013-2017, he was Director of Health IT Policy and Programs at the National Partnership for Women & Families in Washington, D.C. His team there also led the Consumer Partnership for eHealth, a coalition of more than 50 leading consumer, patient and labor organizations working to advance patient-centered health IT. By training, Mark is a civil-rights litigator, challenging diverse issues of discrimination and poverty through impact litigation, first at Public Advocates, then at Consumers Union. Mark graduated from Stanford Law School and the University of California, Berkeley.

Stephen J. Ubl, President and CEO
Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA)

Stephen Ubl is president and chief executive officer of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), which represents America’s leading biopharmaceutical research companies. Mr. Ubl leads PhRMA's work preserving and strengthening a health care and economic environment that encourages medical innovation, new drug discovery, and access to life-saving medicines. “If anyone can find areas of agreement with the critics, or at least work productively with them, it may be Mr. Ubl,” the New York Times wrote in February 2016. "He is more conversant with the intricacies of health policy, and more adept at the politics." He is routinely recognized as one of Washington’s most effective advocates, and, in 2019, was named one of Business Insider’s “DC Healthcare Power Players.” He is consistently named...
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Ms. Anita Walden, Associate Director
National Center for Data to Health Coordinating Center (N3C)

Anita Walden is the Associate Director of the National Center for Data to Health Coordinating Center and the Operations Lead for the National COVID Cohort Collaborative (N3C), one of the largest centralized COVID HER Research networks and datasets. She has a background in biomedical informatics and clinical trials. She has managed community and global data operations for large-scale trials, conducted in over 25 countries, and focused on streamlining research activities, patient-centered engagement, and clinical trial access. Her background is diverse, including experience with digital health technology, international data standards development, data integration, usability evaluation, and electronic health record interoperability. She has held leadership roles in Health Level Seven (HL7) and is also an industry educator and trainer in clinical research informatics and mobile health technologies with the Society of Clinical Data Management (SCDM). Ms. Walden has experience with community-based research in diverse and rural communities, she is currently serving on the NIH RECOVER Health Equity and Community Engagement Committee and held roles on other diversity and inclusion committees.

Dr. Monica Webb Hooper, Deputy Director
National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD)

Dr. Webb Hooper is Deputy Director of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD). She is an integral member of the Institute’s leadership, working closely with the Director to oversee all aspects of the institute and to support critical scientific initiatives and recommendations to improve minority health, reduce health disparities, and promote health equity. Dr. Webb Hooper also co-leads Working Groups for NIH-wide initiatives to understand and address the disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 among populations with health disparities.

Dr. Webb Hooper is an internationally recognized translational behavioral scientist and licensed clinical health psychologist. She has dedicated her career to the scientific study of minority health and racial/ethnic disparities, focusing on chronic illness prevention and health behavior change.

Dr. Webb Hooper completed her doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of South Florida, internship in medical psychology from
Laurel Yasko, MPPM, RN, CCRC
University of Pittsburgh

Laurel Yasko is the Executive Director of Operations, Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI), Co-Core Director for Regulatory Knowledge and Support and Workforce Development, and Director of the Office of Clinical Research, Health Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh. Ms. Yasko has served in these roles since 2006, Pitt’s CTSI inception. Ms. Yasko is a registered nurse and has a bachelor’s degree in Nursing and master’s degree in Public Policy and Management both from the University of Pittsburgh. She has over 25 years of research management experience within the University of Pittsburgh and a broad background in clinical research coordination, training, and regulatory guidance. Ms. Yasko leads Pitt’s CTSI initiatives to recruit, train, and develop a more diverse translational research staff.