

**MACRA EPISODE-BASED COST MEASURES
WAVE 1 COMPREHENSIVE REEVALUATION CLINICIAN EXPERT WORKGROUP
COMPOSITION (MEMBERSHIP) LIST**

Project Title:

MACRA Episode-Based Cost Measures – Wave 1 Comprehensive Reevaluation Clinician Expert Workgroups Membership

Project Overview:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has contracted with Acumen, LLC (hereafter referred to as Acumen), to develop and maintain episode-based cost measures for potential use in the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) to meet the requirements of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA). The contract name is “Physician Cost Measures and Patient Relationship Codes (PCMP).” The contract number is 75FCMC18D0015, Task Order 75FCMC19F0004. As part of its measure development and maintenance process, Acumen convenes groups of interested parties and experts who contribute direction and thoughtful input to ensure measures remain up-to-date in assessing clinician cost performance. The project’s overall objective is to develop and maintain episode-based cost measures suitable for potential use in the Quality Payment Program.

Acumen’s approach includes convening clinician expert panels focused on particular clinical areas in cycles of measure development and maintenance (“waves”), starting in 2016 with the first 8 episode-based cost measures (“Wave 1 measure”). The Wave 1 Measures were added to MIPS in 2019, and Acumen began comprehensively reevaluating the measures in 2022. As part of the comprehensive reevaluation, Acumen reconvened clinical workgroups to discuss potential revisions to the following measures:

- (i) Routine Cataract Removal with Intraocular Lens (IOL) Implantation
- (ii) Simple Pneumonia with Hospitalization
- (iii) ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) with Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI)

For more details about development and comprehensive reevaluation of the Wave 1 measures, please visit the [MACRA Feedback Page](#).

Clinician Expert Workgroup Membership:

Please note that the workgroups provide clinical expertise for the MACRA Episode-Based Cost Measure project. Workgroup members may have experience in areas other than their listed primary clinical specialty. The individuals in the following tables were selected and have agreed to serve as workgroup members for this project.

ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) with Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) Workgroup Members:

Name, Credentials, Professional Role	Organizational Affiliation, City, State	Consumer Perspective	Clinical Content	Performance Measurement	Coding and Informatics	Clinical Specialty	Conflict of Interest Disclosure
Donna Kucharski, MD, MBA, Anesthesiologist	SCH, Seekonk, MA	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Anesthesiology	Intellectual ¹
James Blankenship, MD, MHCM, Director of Cardiology	Geisinger, Albuquerque, NM	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Interventional Cardiology	None
John Sverha, MD, Emergency Physician	US Acute Care Solutions, Arlington, VA	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Emergency Medicine	None
Lloyd Klein, MD MSCAI FACC FACP, Clinical Professor of Medicine	UCSF, Santa Rosa, CA	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Interventional Cardiology	None
Marvin Konstam, MD, Chief Physician Executive, Cardiovascular Center	CardioVascular Center of Tufts Medical Center, Inc., Boston, MA	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Cardiology	None
Peter Rahko, MD, Professor and Director of the Adult Echo Lab University Hospital	Univ. of Wisconsin School of Medicine, Madison, WI	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Cardiology	None
Sabrena McCarley, MBA-SL, OTR/L, CLIPP, RAC-CT, QCP, FAOTA, Director of Clinical Reimbursement	Transitional Care Management, Napa, CA	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Occupational Therapist	None

¹ Donna Kucharski is a member of the ASA and has remained interested in the application and creation of cost measures. Her MBA focused attention on elements of management and accounting involved in the creation of cost measures.

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Sridevi Pitta , MD, MBA, FACC, FSCAI, RPVI, Medical Director	Texas Health Physician's Group, Denton, TX	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Interventional Cardiology	None
William Van Decker , MD, Professor of Medicine	Temple University Faculty Practice Plan, Philadelphia, PA	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Cardiology	None

Routine Cataract with IOL Implantation Workgroup Members:

Name, Credentials, Professional Role	Organizational Affiliation, City, State	Consumer Perspective	Clinical Content	Performance Measurement	Coding and Informatics	Clinical Specialty	Conflict of Interest Disclosure
David Glasser, MD, Secretary for Federal Affairs, RUC Advisor	American Academy of Ophthalmology, Baltimore, MD	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Ophthalmology	None
John Hitchens, CRNA, ARNP, FAANA, Partner	Hitchens and Henke, PA T/A Watchful Care, Jarrettsville, MD	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist	None
Keith Walter, MD, Professor	Wake Forest University School of Medicine/Wake Forest University Eye Center, Winston-Salem, NC	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Ophthalmology	Financial ²
Mitchell Jackson, MD, Founder/CEO	Jacksoneye, Lake Villa, IL	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Ophthalmology	Financial ³
Parag Parekh, MD, Ophthalmologist	ClearView Eye Consultants, DuBois, PA	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Ophthalmology	Intellectual ⁴
Scott Friedman, MD, President	Florida Retina Consultants, Lakeland, FL	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Ophthalmology	None
Richard Tipperman, MD, Ophthalmic Surgeon	Chair ASCRS Cataract Committee, Bala Cynwyd, PA	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Ophthalmology	Financial ⁵

² Keith Walter has received financial payments from Omeros Corporation.

³ Mitchell Jackson has received financial payments from Omeros Coporation; Ocular Therapuetix, Inc.; and Eyepoint Pharmaceuticals.

⁴ Parag Parekh is a member of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS), which is a medical specialty society representing nearly 6,500 ophthalmologists in the United States and abroad who share a particular interest in cataract and refractive surgical care.

⁵ Richard Tipperman is a consultant for Alcon Laboratories and owns shares of an ambulatory surgery center.

Simple Pneumonia with Hospitalization Workgroup Members:

Name, Credentials, Professional Role	Organizational Affiliation, City, State	Consumer Perspective	Clinical Content	Performance Measurement	Coding and Informatics	Clinical Specialty	Conflict of Interest Disclosure
Annie Perng, CRNP, CWOCN, Nurse Practitioner	Penn Medicine, Philadelphia, PA	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Pulmonary Disease	None
Carolyn Fruci, MD, PhD, Division Chief Pulmonary & Critical Care Mt Auburn Hospital	Mount Auburn Cambridge Independent Practice Association, Cambridge, MA	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Pulmonary Disease	None
Heather Briggs, MD, PhD, FACP, CHCHM, Hospitalist, Physician Advisor, CDI Learner Medical Director	University of Colorado Denver, Aurora, CO	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Internal Medicine	None
Jamieson Wilcox, OTD, OTR/L, Associate Professor of Clinical Occupational Therapy	University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Occupational Therapist	None
Mustafa Mark Hamed, MD, MBA, MPH, FAAFP, Emergency Department/Hospitalist Medical Director	McKenzie Health System, Novi, MI	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Family Medicine	None