Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute Methodology Committee

Conflicts of Interest Information

Section 6301(h)(4) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) requires the Comptroller General to disclose conflicts of interest on GAO’s website when appointing members to the PCORI Methodology Committee.

Section 6301(a)(3) of PPACA defines “conflict of interest” as: “[A]n association, including a financial or personal association, that have the potential to bias or have the appearance of biasing an individual’s decision in matters related to the Institute or the conduct of activities under this section.”

Below are the associations of current members of the Methodology Committee that at appointment by the Comptroller General, fit within the definition of a “conflict of interest” specified by PPACA.

Notes:
- Personal Associations includes associations reported by the Board member or their spouse.
- Financial Associations includes interests held by the Board member’s spouse or minor children.

Naomi Aronson

Personal Associations

- Executive Director, Technology Evaluation Center and Director, AHRQ Evidence-based Practice Center, Blue Cross/Blue Shield Association

Member:
- Committee on Evidence-Based Benefit Design, National Business Group on Health
- Steering Committee, Chicago-Area DEcIDE Research Center
- Policy Forum, Health Technology Assessment International
- Genomics Roundtable and Planning Committee, Institute of Medicine
- Planning Committee, Genomics Applications in Practice and Prevention Network

Financial Associations

None identified
### Ethan Basch

**Personal Associations**

- Researcher and Member of the Faculty
  - Memorial Sloan–Kettering Cancer Center
  - Weil Cornell Medical College
- Chair, Clinical Practice Guidelines Committee, American Society of Clinical Oncology

**Financial Associations**

- Director, Natural Standard Research Database

### David Flum

**Personal Associations**

- Professor of Surgery, University of Washington Medical School
- Adjunct Professor Health Services, University of Washington School of Public Health
- Medical Director, Surgical Care and Outcomes Assessment Program, Foundation for Health Care Quality

**Financial Associations**

- Founder and Director, BenchmarkHealth, Inc.

  Received consulting fees between $5,000 and $15,000 from:
  - Aspen BioPharma, Inc., as a member of its Medical Advisory Board.

  Spouse is employed by Group Health Cooperative, Seattle, WA.

### Cynthia Girman

**Personal Associations**

- Executive Director and Head of Data Analytics & Observational Methods, Merck & Co.
- Member, Board of Directors, UNC Gillings School of Public Health Foundation
- Member, Advisory Board, UNC Center for Pharmacoepidemiology

**Financial Associations**

  Investments over $250,000 in:
  - Merck & Co.
### Steven Goodman

**Personal Associations**

- Professor Oncology, Pediatrics, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Johns Hopkins Schools of Medicine and Public Health
- Editor, Clinical Trials, Journal of the Society for Clinical Trials
- Statistical Editor, Annals of Internal Medicine

**Financial Associations**

Received consulting fees of between $15,001 and $50,000 from:
- Blue Cross-Blue Shield Association, as a Scientific Advisor to its Medical Advisory Panel, Technical Assessment Program

Investments between $10,001 and $50,000 in:
- Aetna Inc.

### Mark Helfand

**Personal Associations**

- Professor of Medicine, Oregon Health & Science University
- Director, Oregon Evidence-based Practice Center
- Member
  - Advisory Board, US Cochrane Center
  - Committee on Standards for Systematic Reviews of Comparative Effectiveness, Institute of Medicine

**Financial Associations**

Received consulting fees of over $50,000 from:
- Consumers Union of US, Inc.

### David Meltzer

**Personal Associations**

- Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Chicago

**Financial Associations**

None identified
**Brian Mittman**

**Personal Associations**

Advisory Board Member
- University of Pennsylvania
- Cincinnati Children’s Medical Center
- Knowledge Translation Canada
- Research Program Advisory Board, Singapore Ministry of Health
- Co-Editor in Chief, Implementation Science

**Financial Associations**

Also employed by:
- Sepulveda Research Corporation

Received consulting fees between $5000 and $15,000 from:
- Washington University in St. Louis
- University of California at Los Angeles
- RAND Corporation
- Institute for Healthcare Improvement
- University of Iowa

Received consulting fees between $15,001 and $50,000 from:
- Westat, Inc.

**Sally Morton**

**Personal Associations**

- Board Member, Statistical and Applied Mathematical Sciences Institute
- Committee Member
  - American Statistical Association
  - Methods Steering Committee, AHRQ
  - Section Chair (Statistics), American Association for the Advancement of Science

**Financial Associations**

- Spouse is employed by the California University of Pennsylvania.
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Director

- DeCide Methods Center
- Brigham & Women’s Hospital DeCide Center for Comparative Effectiveness Research

- Associate Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School
- Associate Professor of Epidemiology, Harvard School of Public Health

Financial Associations

Received consulting fees between $15,001 to $50,000 from:
- HealthCore, Inc.

Received consulting fees of over $50,000 from:
- World Health Information Science Consultants, LLC

Mary Tinetti

Personal Associations

- Professor and Director of Program on Aging, Yale University School of Medicine

Financial Associations

Receives an annual stipend over $50,000 from:
- The MacArthur Foundation as a Fellow (through 2014)
- Atlantic Philanthropies as a Fellow

Adam Wilcox

Personal Associations

- Director of Medical Informatics, Intermountain Healthcare.
- Steering Committee Member, AcademyHealth
- Senior Editor, eGEMS, Academy Health
- Section Editor, BioMed Central

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