

Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program **PRESENTER BIOS**



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Teresa Mota, B.S.N., R.N.
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Terri Mota is a BSN and Associate Scientist/Nurse Researcher at Abt Associates. With over 25 years' experience in geriatric nursing in the long-term care setting, Terri worked as a CNA, floor nurse, MDS Coordinator, Clinical Liaison and in Sub-Acute care. In 2002, she went to the Quality Improvement Organization of RI, Healthcentric Advisors, to assist in the launch of CMS' Nursing Home Quality Initiative (NHQI). Terri led the development of the clinical materials and collaborative frameworks for nursing homes participating in the NHQI and was the lead Project Coordinator for CMS' NH QIO Support Center assisting QIOs across the country in the NHQI. Through subcontracts at the QIO, Terri worked with Abt Associates on the DAVE 2 and MDS Support contracts and for RTI on Nursing Home Quality Measure contracts. Terri was instrumental in implementing the MDS 3.0 and assisted in the development of the MDS 3.0 trainings and manned both the MDS 2.0 and 3.0 helpdesks. Just prior to coming to Abt, Terri worked for CMS as part of the IMPACT Act implementation team where she served as a post-acute care subject matter expert in quality measure and standardized data assessment development, guidance manual development, data standardization, rule-writing across post-acute care settings, and helped to stand up the SNF QRP.



Alice Smith, O.T.R., M.B.A.
Public Health Analyst
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Alice Smith is a Research Public Health Analyst in the Quality Measurement and Health Policy program, where she works on CMS projects related to the post-acute setting focusing on skilled nursing facilities (SNFs). She is currently the lead for SNF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) provider helpdesk communication and training. In addition, she is a member of several post-acute care teams focusing on development and implementation of Improving Medicare

Post-Acute Care Transformation Act of 2014 quality measures, including Transfer of Health and Drug Regimen Review, where she represents SNF concerns. She supports rulemaking efforts for the project, focusing on the SNF QRP.

Alice has more than 25 years of experience in the healthcare industry. Her experience spans a variety of healthcare settings, including SNFs, long-term care, acute care, hospital-based inpatient rehabilitation unit and outpatient rehabilitation, and home health care. She provided consultation and training to regional SNFs in Prospective Payment System management; the Resident Assessment Instrument and Minimum Data Set; case management for insurance, Medicare Advantage, and accountable care organizations; Medicare billing and financial analysis; program compliance; quality measures and analysis; and regulatory support. She is experienced as a Rehabilitation Clinician and Manager.



Jennifer Pettis, M.S., R.N., WCC
Associate Director

Nurses Improving Care for Healthsystem
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Jennifer Pettis, MS, RN, CNE, WCC is the Associate Director of the Long-Term Care program for Nurses Improving Care for Healthsystem Elders (NICHE) at the New York University Meyers College of Nursing. In her role, Jen oversees the success of the long-term care (LTC) program. Her LTC responsibilities include expanding academic offerings, engaging current facilities and organizations, and seeking new relationships to expand the overall program. She also ensures the clinical education content and materials are consistent with national standards and enhance current strategy and goals.

Previously a Nurse Researcher at Abt Associates, Jen participated in data collection, analysis, and reporting of healthcare payment, quality improvement, and quality reporting initiatives and provided technical assistance and training through a variety of post-acute care projects. She has extensive clinical, managerial, consulting, and training experience, including as a consultant to the Division of Nursing Homes (DNH) at Centers for Medicare

& Medicaid Services (CMS). While with the CMS, she provided the DNH with subject matter expertise regarding the Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) and a variety of clinical and quality issues. She also developed and deployed a Minimum Data Set (MDS) focused survey pilot in five states.

Jen also serves as Adjunct Faculty for SUNY Empire State College School of Nursing and provides subject matter expertise to CMS and the Chase Consulting Group team supporting their work with CMS under the MDS/RAI User's Manual Support and Maintenance contract.



**Casey Freeman, M.S.N., ANP-BC
Nurse Consultant**

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SERVICES (CMS)

Casey Freeman is a Nurse Consultant in the Division of Chronic and Post-Acute Care (DCPAC) team at CMS and serves as the SNF Quality Reporting Program Coordinator.

She received her BSN from York College of Pennsylvania School of Nursing in 1998. While practicing as a nurse in acute care, she completed a Clinical Nurse Specialist program designed to prepare nurses to specialize in the use of evidence-based practice to improve patient outcomes and solve problems in health care systems. After serving as a research nurse with the Henry M Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine, and a Nursing Instructor, she returned to York College and completed an Adult Nurse Practitioner Post- Master's Certificate in 2011. Prior to transitioning to CMS, she practiced as a Nurse Practitioner providing primary care for long-term residents in Skilled Nursing Facilities.



**John Kane
Technical Advisor and the SNF Payment
Team Lead**

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SERVICES (CMS)

John Kane is a Technical Advisor and the SNF Payment Team Lead in the Division of Institutional Post-Acute Care at CMS. He leads the SNF payment team in evaluating and developing SNF payment policy, including development and implementation of the Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM). John also works on different cross-component projects within CMS, intersecting different areas of Medicare payment policy.



**Debra Weiland, B.S.N., R.N., RAC-CT
Nurse Consultant**

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Debra Weiland is a BSN and is a Nurse Consultant in the Division of Chronic and Post-Acute Care (DCPAC) at CMS. Prior to joining CMS, Debra worked as a Federal contractor, serving as the Lead Program Manager on the Quality Improvement and Evaluation System contract, supporting five post-acute care Assessment Submission and Processing systems and downstream reporting of the data, including the Quality Reporting Program Quality Measure reports. Debra maintains her Resident Assessment Coordinator (RAC-CT) certification through the American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordinators.



**Anne Deutsch, RN, Ph.D., CRRN
Senior Research Public Health Analyst**

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Anne Deutsch, RN, Ph.D., CRRN, is a Senior Research Public Health Analyst with RTI International. She is a Certified Rehabilitation Registered Nurse with a doctoral degree in epidemiology and community health. She was part of the team that developed the Continuity Assessment and Record Evaluation tool and was involved in training data collectors and data analysis in the Medicare Post-Acute Care Payment Reform Demonstration. Anne has an appointment as a Clinical Research Scientist at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago's Center for Rehabilitation Outcomes Research and is a Research Associate Professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine.



Manisha Dass
Research Public Health Analyst
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Manisha Dass is a Research Public Health Analyst with RTI International in the Quality Measurement and Healthy Policy program, within the eHealth, Quality and Analytics Division. At RTI, she works on healthcare delivery and policy projects with a focus on quality measures and standardized data elements, including functional status collected in each post-acute setting. She is a part of the cross-setting help desk team, answering questions for post-acute care providers. Manisha has over five years of experience as an occupational therapist in direct patient care in acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and private practice, which helps her bring a clinician's perspective to the team. Manisha also has a strong background in journalism, writing, and developing training materials, allowing her to contribute to the creation of new materials to help clinicians better understand and implement the Section GG data elements in post-acute care settings.



Penny Gershman M.S., CCC-SLP
Health Insurance Specialist
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID
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Penny Gershman is a Health Insurance Specialist in the Division of Institutional Post-Acute Care at CMS. She works on payment policy and was part of the team that created Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM). She is also a member of the cross-agency Minimum Data Set (MDS) team. Prior to working at CMS, Penny, a Speech Language Pathologist, was working with geriatric patients, primarily in the SNF and Home Health settings. She is glad that she can use her clinical experience to inform the policy work she does at CMS.