

**MACRA EPISODE-BASED COST MEASURES
CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE/END-STAGE RENAL DISEASE
(CKD/ESRD) CLINICIAN EXPERT WORKGROUP
COMPOSITION (MEMBERSHIP) LIST**

Project Title:

MACRA Episode-Based Cost Measures – CKD/ESRD Clinician Expert Workgroup

Project Overview:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has contracted with Acumen, LLC (“Acumen”) to develop care episode and patient condition groups for use in cost measures to meet the requirements of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA). The contract name is “Physician Cost Measure and Patient Relationship Codes (PCMP).” The contract number is 75FCMC18D0015, Task Order 75FCMC19F0004. As part of the development and maintenance processes, Acumen convenes groups of stakeholders and experts who contribute direction and thoughtful input during development of episode-based cost measures.

The project’s overall objective is to develop episode-based cost measures suitable for potential use in the Quality Payment Program. For more details about the project background, including development activities undertaken in previous years, please review [this MACRA cost measure development approach summary](#) on the [MACRA Feedback Page](#).

Acumen’s measure development approach typically includes convening clinician expert panels called Clinical Subcommittees (CS) focused on particular clinical areas in cycles of development (“waves”). In addition to our typical development cycle of Wave 4, Acumen is also convening a workgroup in both September 2021 and March 2022 to develop cost measures for CKD/ESRD. The following table lists the members that were nominated and accepted to the CKD/ESRD Workgroup.

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 table were selected and have agreed to serve as workgroup members for this project.

CKD/ESRD Workgroup Members:

Name, Credentials, Professional Role	Organizational Affiliation, City, State	Consumer/ Patient/ Family/ Caregiver Perspective	Clinical Content	Performance Measurement	Coding and Informatics	Clinical Specialty	Conflict of Interest Disclosure
Alexander Liang, MD, President/CEO	Dallas Nephrology Associates, Dallas, TX	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Nephrology	None
Connie Hemeyer, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, Nephrology Nurse Practitioner	Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, FL	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Nephrology	None
Connie Rhee, MD, MSc, Associate Professor of Medicine & Public Health; Vice-Chair of Clinical Research, Department of Medicine; Acting Associate Chief, Division of Nephrology, Hypertension, and Kidney Transplantation	University of California Irvine, Huntington Beach, CA	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Internal Medicine	None
Dan Weiner, MD, MS, Nephrologist	Tufts Medical Center, Boston, MA	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Nephrology	None
Daniel Duzan, MD, SFHM, CPC, Hospitalist/Medical Director	TeamHealth, Knoxville, TN	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Internal Medicine	None
Daniel Lam, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor	University of Washington, Seattle, WA	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Nephrology	None
Devika Nair, MD, MSCI, Nephrologist and Clinical Researcher	Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Nephrology	None

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Donnie Batie, MD, FAAFP, Medical Director	The Physicians Alliance Corporation, Baton Rouge, LA	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Family Medicine	None
Jane Schell, MD, Assistant Professor of Palliative Care and Nephrology	University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Nephrology	None
Jeffrey Silberzweig, MD, FACP, FASN, Chief Medical Officer/Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine	The Rogosin Institute/Cornell Medical College, New York, NY	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Nephrology	None
Joseph Vassalotti, MD, Chief Medical Officer	Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, NY	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Nephrology	None
Muralidharan Jagadeesan, MBBS, FACP, FASN, Professor of Medicine, Medical Director of Kidney Transplants	George Washington University, Washington, DC	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Nephrology	None
Namirah Jamshed, MD, Associate Professor, Internal and Family and Community Medicine	UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Geriatric Medicine	None
Peter Bustamante, MD, Regional Chief Medical Officer	Ascension St. Vincent, Carmel, IN	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Nephrology	None
Stephanie Jernigan, MD, Chief of Medicine/Medical Director of Dialysis	Emory University/Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Pediatric Medicine	None
Stephen Hohmann, MD, FACS, Program Director of Vascular Surgery Fellowship	Texas Vascular Associates, Dallas, TX	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	Vascular Surgery	None