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Gina Adams, RN
Quality Management Coordinator,
Good Samaritan University Hospital

Gina Adams, RN, graduated from the State University of New York (SUNY) Farmingdale State College in 1995 with an Associate degree in Nursing. She began her career in telemetry/cardiac stepdown and progressed to the chest pain emergency room (ER), which fostered her love of cardiac medicine. Ms. Adams has a diverse clinical nursing background that includes the post-anesthesia care unit (PACU), care management, documentation and appeals, clinical documentation improvement. Her current position is Quality Management Coordinator/Data Manager for her facility's Open Heart Surgery Program. She completed her BSN in 2015 and her MSN in Health Care Policy in 2019 at Chamberlain College of Nursing Online. Ms. Adams has a passion for learning and improving patient outcomes through quality initiatives.



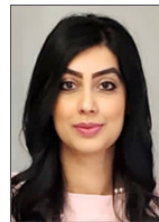
Khaja Y. Ahmed, DO
Chief, Department of Anesthesia,
NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn
Methodist Hospital

Khaja Y. Ahmed, DO, is the Chief of Anesthesia, NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital. Dr. Ahmed received his medical degree after completing an accelerated seven-year combined BS/DO program at New York College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Ahmed did his Internship at North Shore Plainview Hospital, followed by residency in anesthesiology at Brooklyn Methodist Hospital. After residency, he joined the Department of Anesthesiology as attending faculty during which time Dr. Ahmed helped with the transition to the electronic medical record (EMR), quality and patient safety initiatives, and a department focus on perioperative operational efficiency. Dr. Ahmed completed his MBA with a focus on health care administration.



Joshua Allen-Dicker, MD, MPH, SFHM
Quality Assurance Vice Chair,
Department of Medicine & Director
for Quality, Hospital Medicine Service,
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Joshua Allen-Dicker, MD, MPH, is the Director of Quality for Hospital Medicine and one of the Vice Chairs for Quality Assurance (QA), Department of Medicine, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Dr. Allen-Dicker obtained his medical degree from NYU School of Medicine and his Master of Public Health from Harvard School of Public Health before completing his clinical training in internal medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. In his current role and prior roles, Dr. Allen-Dicker has led projects addressing handoff communication, case review, and patient safety faculty development and curriculum design. He currently sits on the Editorial Advisory Board for the Betsy Lehman Center for Patient Safety and is the incoming Chair of Society of Hospital Medicine's Performance Measurement and Reporting Committee.



Sadia Arshad, MD
Director, Quality, Department of Medicine,
South Shore University Hospital;
Associate Director, Hospital Medicine,
South Shore University Hospital
& Medical Director, Ross Rehabilitation

Sadia Arshad, MD, is South Shore University Hospital Director of Quality for the Department of Medicine and the Associate Director, Hospital Medicine. She also is the Medical Director, Ross Rehabilitation. Dr. Arshad completed her residency at Northwell Long Island Jewish-Forest Hills Hospital. Her first role as an attending was at South Shore University Hospital, where she was an academic hospitalist for four years, then the Associate Director, Hospital Medicine. She focused on readmission reduction, transitions of care, and health equity for the high-risk patient population over age 65. She also was an advocate for promoting a culture of engagement for

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providers, improving the patient experience and focused on social determinants of health and their impact on the community. Most recently, she transitioned to Director of Quality for the Department of Medicine with plans to focus on creating a just and inclusive culture.



Qudisia S. Banu, MD

Associate Medical Director,
Ambulatory Care Services,
One Brooklyn Health: Brookdale Hospital
Medical Center Campus

Qudisia Banu, MD, is an associate medical director of the ambulatory care services of One Brooklyn Health: Brookdale Hospital Medical Center Campus. She completed her residency in medicine at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center, now also a part of One Brooklyn Health. In addition to overseeing many of the operational aspects of primary care services, Dr. Banu is active in training providers in the particulars of value-based care. She has assisted with her department's telemedicine implementation, created outpatient COVID-19 treatment workflows, and helped set up a continuous glucose monitoring service in collaboration with the pharmacy program at Brookdale. She is a recent graduate of the Translational Program of Health Disparities Research Training (TRANSPORT) at SUNY Downstate University. Her special interests include creating more effective patient education strategies, innovative ways to increase breast cancer screening, systems thinking, and staff wellbeing. She is currently designing a framework for increased community engagement in diabetes education.



Loren Barhold, PA-C

Chief Physician Assistant,
Mount Sinai West Hospital

Loren Barhold, PA-C, is the Chief Physician Assistant of the Department of Medicine at Mount Sinai West Hospital. Loren completed her degree in Physician Assistant Studies at Long Island University in Brooklyn, NY. She began her career as a Hospital Medicine Physician Assistant at Roosevelt Hospital prior to it merging with Mount Sinai Hospital and being renamed Mount Sinai West Hospital. She was promoted

to Chief Physician Assistant in 2017 and has started procedural skill workshops and a didactic lecture series for the Physician Assistant team at Mount Sinai West. Her special interests include international medicine, and she has completed medical mission trips to Ghana, Tanzania, and Guatemala as a medical volunteer.



Lindsay Beach, PA-C

Chief Physician Assistant,
NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi

Lindsay Beach, a native New Yorker, is a graduate of Gettysburg College and University of Bridgeport Physician Assistant (PA) program. She started her career in Orthopedic Surgery and Trauma at Johns Hopkins Medicine in Baltimore, MD. Her passion for trauma and surgical critical care brought her to NYC H+H level 1 trauma center Jacobi Medical Center, where she works in Surgical Intensive Care Unit (SICU) and Trauma Surgery. Since becoming Chief PA, she has been involved in several trauma, surgery, and SICU performance improvement committees. She created a formal SICU PA orientation for education and helped form a surgical stepdown PA role. She was presented with a commendation award at the fifth annual NYC H+H Simulation Symposium after organizing and implementing SICU PA simulation sessions for ongoing procedural training.



Suzanne Bentley, MD, MPH

Chief Wellness Officer,
NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst

Suzanne (Suzi) Bentley, MD, MPH, is the Chief Wellness Officer, Director of Simulation Innovation & Research, and an Emergency Medicine physician at NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst. Dr. Bentley completed the Mount Sinai Emergency Medicine residency, Masters of Public Health at Mount Sinai, and a fellowship in Simulation Education at the Institute for Medical Simulation and Advanced Learning of NYC Health + Hospitals. Dr. Bentley stayed on as faculty at Elmhurst after training and served as residency Site Director before transitioning to Medical Director of Simulation and collaborating on opening the hospital-wide Simulation Center.

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She credits her passion for and expertise in debriefing as the unifier in her professional roles. She led the initiation of Helping Healers Heal at Elmhurst and became the first NYC Health + Hospitals site Chief Wellness Officer in 2021. Dr. Bentley is a clinician, educator, and researcher with focused interests in debriefing, psychological safety, in situ simulation, simulation for systems testing, teamwork maximization, patient and workforce safety, Safety II principles, and overall workforce well-being.



Joan M. Curcio, MD, FACP
Associate Director,
Department of Medicine
& Chief, Division of Hospital Medicine,
NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst

Joan Curcio, MD, is the Associate Director of the Department of Medicine at NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst. She started at Elmhurst as an intern and never left. After completing residency training and serving one year as Executive Chief Resident, Dr. Curcio took a position as the department's first Hospitalist. Early projects included developing geographic patient assignment and the first Nurse Practitioner Service. She was made Division Chief and has grown the group to 21 full-time faculty. Through the initial COVID-19 pandemic she coordinated expansion of the inpatient medical service to include a 700% increase in intensive care unit (ICU) beds along with more general beds, and coordinated all volunteers and military and agency staff coming to the inpatient service. Dr. Curcio also developed a Medical Observation Unit, the first in the system. Her passion lies in developing and optimizing systems for communication, safety, and resident education.



Cassidy Dahn, MD, CPPS
Associate Chief of Service, Clinical
Assistant Professor, and Attending
Physician, Emergency Medicine
& Attending Physician, Medicine Surgery
and Cardiovascular Critical Care,
NYU Langone

Cassidy Dahn, MD, CPPS, is the Associate Chief of Service for the NYU Langone-Perelman Emergency Depart-

ment (ED) with a focus on QA and initiatives. She completed her residency in emergency medicine at Boston Medical Center, followed by an internal medicine – critical care medicine fellowship at Montefiore Medical Center – Einstein Campus. She works clinically in both the ED and the medical, surgical, and cardiothoracic ICUs. Her academic interests, prior research, and QPS experience have specifically focused on high-risk patient populations/circumstances, particularly outside of the ICUs: for example, transitions of care and handoffs, ED boarding patients, and patients with unanticipated decompensation after admission to a non-ICU level of care from the ED. She also has a passion for mentorship and early faculty development and holds national organization positions related to these interests. Outside of her academic career, she absolutely loves spending time with her almost two-year-old daughter and amazingly supportive husband. She also describes herself as a lover of travel, a foodie, and an outdoor adventure enthusiast.



Aileen Gallivan, MSN, RN, CPN, GERO-BC
Advisor, Quality Management and
Performance Improvement,
Northern Westchester Hospital

Aileen Gallivan, MSN, RN, CPN, GERO-BC, is an Advisor for the Quality Management and Performance Improvement (QMPI) department at Northern Westchester Hospital, a three-time Magnet designated organization. She received her BSN from the College of New Rochelle, NY, and holds a Master of Science degree in Nursing Leadership from Pace University, NY. Aileen has held various positions throughout her 25 years of nursing practice, including Adjunct Clinical Professor, Nurse Manager, Director of Nursing, and Advisor QMPI. She actively participates in NWH's Nursing Shared Governance as the mentor of Nursing Scope and Standards Council and is a co-mentor for the Nursing Quality Council. She also leads the Nursing Professional Practice Evaluation Committee, a peer-review group that focuses on maintaining and elevating standards of nursing practice. Aileen has implemented successful evidenced-based practices and programs to ensure the delivery of safe, quality, patient-centered care, and is an advocate for safe nursing

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practice and promoting a culture of excellence through continuous nursing education.



Maalobeeka Gangopadhyay, MD

Associate Professor of Psychiatry,
NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia
University Irving Medical Center
& Director of Acute Services, Child and
Adolescent Psychiatry,
NewYork-Presbyterian Morgan Stanley
Children's Hospital

Maalobeeka (Molly) Gangopadhyay, MD, is the Director of Acute Services in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at NewYork-Presbyterian Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital. She is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Columbia University Irving Medical Center and an assistant attending psychiatrist at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital. Dr. Gangopadhyay completed her general psychiatry residency at North Shore-Long Island Jewish Medical Center and completed her child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship at the NewYork-Presbyterian Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Residency Training Program of Columbia and Cornell Universities, where she served as chief resident at the Columbia site. After directing the Pediatric Psychiatry Consultation-Liaison Service from 2014 to 2022, she assumed the Program Medical Director role for the Access Behavioral Health Diagnostic Evaluation Stabilization Center in late 2021. Her special interests in health care include pediatric delirium, transplant psychiatry, and systems of care for patients with acute mental health needs.

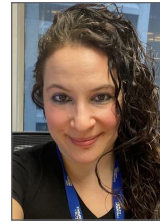


Jacklyn Hagedorn, MD

Associate Director, Pulmonary and
Critical Care Medicine,
NYU Langone Hospitals—Tisch Hospital/
Kimmel Pavilion

Jacklyn Hagedorn, MD., is a Pulmonary Critical Care Physician at NYU Langone. Dr. Hagedorn completed both her combined residency in Medicine-Pediatrics and fellowship in Pulmonary Critical Care at Rush University in Chicago, IL. During her tenure at NYU, Dr. Hagedorn has

taken on the role of associate director of the pulmonary critical care division at Tisch/Kimmel. Additionally, she recently was appointed the Medical Director of the Comprehensive Transfer Center at NYU.



Emma Kaplan-Lewis, MD

HIV Clinical Quality Director,
Office of Population Health,
NYC Health + Hospitals

Emma Kaplan-Lewis, MD, is the HIV Clinical Quality Director in the Office of Population Health for NYC H+H. Dr. Kaplan-Lewis completed her residency in Internal Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital followed by a fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Mount Sinai Hospital. After training, Dr. Kaplan-Lewis worked as an academic infectious disease attending and was involved in conducting HIV clinical trials. In 2019, she joined NYC H+H in her current role and has worked with her team on numerous system-level projects related to HIV treatment, prevention, sexual health services, and viral hepatitis. Dr. Kaplan-Lewis's interests include improving access to and quality of care for all individuals living with HIV, which includes patient access to the newest treatments and clinical trials and equitable expansion of HIV prevention services.



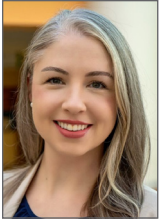
Elan Levy, MD, MBA

Medical Director,
Lenox Hill Hospital Manhattan Campus

Elan (Lonny) Levy, MD, MBA, is the Medical Director of Lenox Hill Hospital, MEETH, and Lenox Health Greenwich Village. His responsibilities include overseeing quality, patient safety, physician engagement, and medical affairs for all three campuses. He trained in emergency medicine at St. Luke's Roosevelt and previously held multiple leadership roles in the ED at Lenox Health Greenwich Village before transitioning to his current role. His strategic goals this year are reducing hospital-acquired infections and preventable complications following surgery, targeted readmission reduction strategy for heart failure patients, reduced inpatient and 30-day mortality, reducing excess days in the hospital,

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and improving the physician experience at all three campuses. This year, the hospital is expecting a visit from The Joint Commission for the triannual survey and recertification for hip, knee, shoulder, and stroke. He is partnering with quality, nursing, and medical affairs to ready the hospital for the upcoming visits. He remains clinically active at both EDs.



Lauren Lorenz, MS, RN
Director of Nursing,
The Steven and Alexandra Cohen
Pediatric Long Term Care Pavilion,
Blythedale Children's Hospital

Lauren Lorenz, MS, RN, is the Director of Nursing for the Steven and Alexandra Cohen Pediatric Long Term Care Pavilion at Blythedale Children's Hospital. Mrs. Lorenz completed her Master of Science in Nursing Leadership and Administration of Health Care Systems at Excelsior University. She started her nursing career as a bedside RN at Blythedale Children's Hospital on the Pediatric and Traumatic Brain Injury unit and later worked as a Clinical Nursing Supervisor. Mrs. Lorenz has led and participated in various Quality Improvement initiatives and has served as the Co-Chairperson for the Safe Patient Handling Committee since 2016. Her special interests include process improvement, maintaining strong interpersonal relationships, and fostering organizational change.



Manju Luke, DO
Co-Director, Inpatient Quality,
Department of Medicine
& Attending, Division of Hospital
Medicine,
North Shore University Hospital

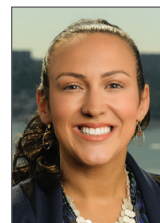
Manju Luke, DO, is a Co-Director of Inpatient Quality for the Department of Medicine at North Shore University Hospital. She completed a residency in Internal Medicine at North Shore University Hospital and continued there as a Hospitalist. She is actively involved in residency training at the hospital and is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell. She has a special interest in Point of

Care Ultrasound and helps train the medical students, residents, and hospitalists.



Meredith Lynn, MD
Attending Physician,
NYC Health + Hospitals/Gouverneur

Meredith Lynn, MD, is a general internist at NYC Health + Hospitals/Gouverneur with a focus in HIV primary care and addiction medicine. Dr. Lynn attended medical school at George Washington University and completed her residency in primary care/internal medicine at New York University. She is board certified in Internal Medicine and credentialed as an HIV specialist by the American Academy of HIV Medicine. Dr. Lynn is a faculty member in the NYU Primary Care Residency and the Addiction Medicine Fellowship Programs and works as a clinician educator with both primary care residents and addiction medicine fellows. At Gouverneur, Dr. Lynn works to improve health quality for patients living with HIV in her role as the Clinical Quality Lead in the Gouverneur HIV Clinic. Dr. Lynn's professional interests include the integration of HIV, hepatitis C, and substance use treatment into primary care. She is passionate about reducing stigma and improving health equity for patients living with these health conditions.



Chelsey Mitchell, MD
Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellow,
NewYork-Presbyterian Morgan Stanley
Children's Hospital

Chelsey Mitchell, MD, is a first-year Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellow. She completed medical school at Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston, MA, and pediatric residency at Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital/Columbia University New York. After residency, she became faculty at Columbia and worked in the Pediatric Cardiac ICU at Columbia, as a hospitalist for two years after which she worked for another two years as an acute care pediatrician in the ER prior to starting her fellowship. Dr. Mitchell's primary academic interest is in Quality Improvement and Operations. She most recently completed a leadership course in Quality Improvement

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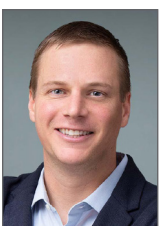
at Cincinnati Children's Anderson Center for Health Care Excellence during which her focus was on Diversity Equity and Inclusion through the improvement of interpreter services and documentation within the pediatric emergency room for non-English speaking patients.



Lina Miyakawa, MD

Director of Quality, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care; Associate Director of Quality, Institute of Critical Care Medicine & Associate Director, ICU, Mount Sinai Beth Israel

Dr. Lina Miyakawa is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine, Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and completes most of her clinical work at Mount Sinai Beth Israel and Downtown Union Square. Her responsibilities include system-level roles in quality, both for the Institute of Critical Care Medicine and Department of Medicine. She has completed her internal medicine residency training at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, affiliated with Stanford University in California, and her specialty fellowship training in pulmonary and critical care medicine at Mount Sinai Beth Israel in New York City. Dr. Miyakawa is board-certified in internal medicine, pulmonary medicine and critical care medicine. She continues to enhance her training in quality and patient safety at the local level with Mount Sinai by running debriefs and root cause analyses, but also completed the LEAN program at Mount Sinai Morningside to continue improving quality in the ICU and on inpatient and outpatient pulmonary services. Her special interests include bringing palliative care upstream, assignment of health care decision makers, improving provider efficiency with billing and documentation, and lung cancer screening.



Adam Pepperman, MD

Medical Director, Mother Baby Unit, NYU Langone Hospital—Brooklyn

Adam Pepperman, MD, is an Ob/Gyn and serves as the Medical Director of the Mother Baby Unit at NYU Langone Medical Center—

Brooklyn. Dr. Pepperman completed his residency and medical training at Tulane University in New Orleans, after which he moved to New York to be with his wife. Dr. Pepperman manages a busy office practice and also serves on multiple committees within the Ob/Gyn department and on the hospital's Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.



John Reyes, DO

Associate Medical Director, Medicine Service Line, Northwell Health Eastern Region

John Reyes, DO, is an Associate Medical Director of the Medicine Service Line for Northwell Health's Eastern Region. Dr. Reyes completed a residency in family medicine at Plainview Hospital. He currently works in a Northwell outpatient facility where he has participated in implementation of the Patient Centered Medical Home and residency training. In his current role, he encourages better tracking of quality measures for physicians and has collaborated with a multidisciplinary team to focus on the care of cardiometabolic syndrome patients. He also serves as an assistant professor for the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine precepting medical students in office. His special interests include improving diabetic population care and refining outpatient care processes.



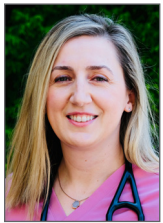
Salman Shah, MD

Chief, Vascular and Interventional Radiology, Nassau University Medical Center

Salman Shah, MD, is the Chief of the Division of Vascular & Interventional Radiology (VIR) at Nassau University Medical Center (NUMC), a level 1 trauma center. He is also the Program Director of the Diagnostic Radiology Residency Program at NUMC with ESIR accreditation. Attending an accelerated seven-year medical program, he received his medical degree from SUNY Downstate College of Medicine in 2006. He completed his radiology residency followed by a VIR fellowship at the at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. He is board-certified in Diagnostic Radiology and has a cer-

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tificate of advanced qualification in Vascular & Interventional Radiology. Dr. Shah has been an ATLS State Faculty since 2012 with over 10 years of experience at a level 1 trauma center providing care for the most critically injured patients. His academic appointments include Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Radiology, SUNY, Stony Brook, and Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Radiology, New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Shah is actively involved in research and has authored or co-authored numerous peer-reviewed articles with presentation of his work at local and national conferences. Dr. Shah is a member of Society of Interventional Radiology, American College of Radiology, and the Radiology Society of North America. He is also currently the President of the Long Island Radiological Society. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Roentgen Resident/Fellow Research Award.



Ardita Sopi, NP
Director,
Occupational Health Services,
SBH Health System

Ardita Sopi, NP, is the Director of Occupational Health Services at SBH Health System. She graduated magna cum laude from Adelphi University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and continued her education, graduating from New York University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. While working as an RN in the EDs at Mount Sinai Beth Israel Hospital, Ardita completed her Master of Science in Nursing from Pace University. She holds a national certification with the American Nurses Credentialing Center as a family nurse practitioner. Ardita is currently pursuing her doctorate at the nursing school of SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University. Since 2019, Ardita has been working at SBH Health System overseeing Occupational Health Services. In 2020, she was awarded employee of the year for her exceptional work during the COVID-19 pandemic. In these past three years and at the height of the pandemic, Ardita has been dedicated to quality improvement in the OHS Department to ensure the safety and well-being of SBH health care workers. Her special interests include employee safety through educational programs and preventive measures using a multidisciplinary team approach.



Hetal Tangal, MD
Associate Medical Director,
Ambulatory Care Services,
One Brooklyn Health: Brookdale Hospital
Medical Center Campus

Hetal Tangal, MD, is Associate Medical Director of Ambulatory Care at the Brookdale campus of One Brooklyn Health System. She completed her pediatric residency at Brookdale Hospital Medical Center. Alongside outpatient clinical care, she has been involved in residency training and education of medical students and nurse practitioners. In her current role as Associate Medical Director, her focus is on improving the Clinical Quality program. Her special interests are pediatric obesity, behavioral health, and EMR optimization for improved quality of care.



Shawna Townsend, PhD, RN, CNL
Patient Care Director,
Hospital for Special Surgery

Shawna Townsend, PhD, RN, CNL, is a Quality Education Specialist at the Hospital for Special Surgery. She completed her Master's degree in Clinical Nurse Leadership at the Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing and recently achieved her Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Science from the Graduate Center, CUNY. She has over 19 years of experience as a clinical nurse and has assumed several leadership roles over the past five years that gives her a unique perspective on the various aspects of patient care. Her participation in the Clinical Quality Fellowship Program will serve to develop her role as a Quality Education Specialist and drive quality improvement initiatives in nursing.



Eumenide Charles Vernet, RN, NP
Senior Director, Nursing,
Mount Sinai Union Square
& Mount Sinai Health System Ambulatory
Nursing Quality

Eumenide Charles Vernet is a Senior Director of Nursing Patient Care Services at Mount Sinai Downtown Ambulatory Care and Mount Sinai Health System Ambulatory

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Nursing Quality. In this dual role, Ms. Vernet collaborates with leaders throughout ambulatory to facilitate analysis of current nursing practices and initiate systemic improvements in nursing care quality and safety, employee engagement, patient satisfaction, and regulatory compliance with the goal of improving patient care outcomes.



Schuyler Widhalm, MSN, RN, CPHQ

Performance Improvement System

Administrator,

Yale New Haven Health

Schuyler Widhalm, MSN, RN, CPHQ, is the Yale New Haven Health Heart and Vascular Center Performance Improvement System Administrator. Schuyler received her Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management from the George Washington University. She then got her Bachelor of Nursing Science from Marymount University. Schuyler began her nursing career at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital working on the cardiac stepdown unit, where she then transitioned to the PACU. While working in the PACU as a senior staff nurse and later as the Patient Care Director, Schuyler earned her Master of Nursing Science from the George Washington University in Healthcare Quality. After relocating with her family to Connecticut, Schuyler started at Yale New Haven Hospital as the Assistant Patient Service Manager in the PACU. Wanting to continue her pursuit of quality improvement, Schuyler transitioned to the role of Performance Improvement Coordinator within the Heart and Vascular Center service line. She is leading that team across the health system in her current role, with special projects including reducing readmissions, improving registry performance, and overseeing the disease-specific certification programs.



Irina Zaretsky, MD

Assistant Professor,

Department of Internal Medicine,

Mount Sinai West

Irina Zaretsky, MD, is an Attending Physician in the Division of Hospital Medicine at Mount Sinai West Hospital. She is a graduate of the University of Mas-

sachusetts Medical School and completed her residency in internal medicine at the Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell. Her interests include quality improvement and faculty development. She is the Morbidity and Mortality chair for the Department of Medicine, a member of Quality Council, and a member of the Root Cause Analysis Committee. She is also part of the Mount Sinai Health System faculty development group.