

Technical Expert Panel

The Technical Expert Panel (TEP) provides recommendations to CMS and our research contractor (Research Triangle International, Inc.) on technical, operational, and laboratory performance issues for this project. **Public comment should come through the dedicated email box** (See downloads area below for more information: Contact Info). **Open Door Forum public meetings** (please see Related Links Inside CMS area below for schedule and listserv information) **or via U.S. mail** (See downloads area below for more information: Contact Info).

TEP members were asked to participate based on their personal expertise, and are drawn from the stakeholder community. Areas of expertise include laboratory medicine, advocacy for Medicare beneficiaries, quality of care, independent regional clinical laboratories, hospital based laboratory services, purchasers of clinical laboratory services, and laboratory management and administration. The TEP will operate during the design and startup of the operational phase. The TEP members are (in alphabetical order):

- **Alfred Chiplin, J.D.** -- Mr. Chiplin is the Managing Attorney for the Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc., in Washington D.C. His expertise includes the Medicare program, coverage and appeals for beneficiaries, writing, training, and technical support for health care advocates. Mr. Chiplin served as Chair for a special panel of advocates from the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys working on clarifying the applicability of Social Security Act fee limitations to Medicare representation.
- **Carlyn Collins, M.D., MPH** -- Dr. Collins is a Senior Laboratory Advisor for the Public Health Practice Office (PHPO) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). She is the former Director of PHPO's Division of Laboratory Services, where she was responsible for the implementation of the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments. Dr. Collins is board certified in clinical pathology and in the subspecialty of radioisotopic pathology. She is nationally recognized for her expertise in laboratory quality.
- **Marc Grodman, M.D.** -- Dr. Grodman is the Chairman of the Board, President, Chief Executive Officer and founder of Bio-Reference Laboratories, Inc. Bio-Reference is the largest independent regional clinical laboratory operating in the northeast United States. He is also an Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and Assistant Attending Physician at Presbyterian Hospital, New York City. Dr. Grodman is board certified in internal medicine.
- **Lee Hilborne, MD, MPH.** -- Dr. Hilborne is the Director of the Center for Patient Safety and Quality, University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) Healthcare. He is Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at UCLA, consultant to the health program at RAND in Santa Monica, and Director of the Strategic Alliance for

Error Reduction (SAFER) California Healthcare program. Dr. Hilborne is board certified in anatomic and clinical pathology.

- **Donna MacMillan, MT (ASCP), MBA** – Ms. MacMillan is the Director of Operations for the Department of Pathology at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH). She is responsible for MGH's clinical laboratories, blood transfusion services, and surgical pathology laboratories, including the health center laboratories, point-of-care testing, and laboratory support services. Ms. MacMillan is board certified as a medical technologist. She is a consultant to RTI for the Development and Implementation of the Medicare Clinical Laboratory Services Competitive Bidding Demonstration contract and will serve as Chair for the TEP.
- **James Robb, M.D.** -- Dr. Robb is the Medical Director at Integrated Regional Laboratories of Florida, a community-based regional integrated laboratory system. He is also Scientific Advisor at Ventana Medical Systems, Intelligent Medical Imaging, Inc. Dr. Robb's prior experience includes Professor of Pathology at the University of California San Diego, Vice Chairman of Pathology at the Green Hospital of Scripps Clinic in La Jolla, California, and Associate Director of Pathology and Director of Anatomic and Molecular Pathology at Cedars Medical Center in Miami, Florida. Dr. Robb is board certified in anatomic and clinical pathology, with subspecialty certification in dermatopathology and cytopathology. His expertise includes laboratory management systems.
- **Bonita Warner** -- Ms. Warner is the National Vice President, Network Services for AmeriChoice Corporation. AmeriChoice Health Services was one of the first privately owned entities to serve Medicaid, State Child Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and Medicare beneficiaries, and provides management and information technology services to other managed care organizations. Ms. Warner has 20 years experience in the healthcare industry. She has experience with contract negotiations with providers, including for laboratory ancillary services. Her expertise also includes standards and protocols for provider contracting, claims operation, public program compliance, reimbursement, payment, network development, and provider relations.
- **Ronald Weiss, M.D., MBA** -- Dr. Weiss is Professor of Pathology at the University of Utah School of Medicine. He is President and Chief Operating Officer of the University's Associated Regional and University Pathologists Laboratories, a large national independent laboratory. He is board certified in anatomic and clinical pathology, with subspecialty certification in hematology and medical microbiology. His research interests are in laboratory management and administration.