EDITORIAL

The Journal Welcomes Three Associate Editors

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We are pleased to announce the recent appointment of three Associate Editors, each of whom brings invaluable perspective and experience to the Journal.

We thank the Associate Editors for taking on the important role of helping us identify the highest-quality manuscripts possible on the development, adaptation, and implementation of innovative concepts, strategies, methodologies, and practices in quality and patient safety.

Jonathan Benn, PhD, MEd, is Lecturer in Quality Improvement in Healthcare and Director of MSc in Quality and Safety in Healthcare, National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Patient Safety Translational Research Centre, Department of Surgery and Cancer, Faculty of Medicine, Imperial College London. He completed his undergraduate study in Psychology, followed by a PhD in Human Factors in Systems Engineering and a master's degree in University Teaching and Learning.

Dr. Benn’s research interests, reflecting his expertise in social sciences, span a range of health service organization and delivery areas, with a specific focus on quality improvement and patient safety. He is particularly interested in how information and data are used for quality improvement in healthcare. His most recent research has looked at quality in anesthesia, secondary use of data for medication safety, and evaluation of mortality surveillance. His recent published work has addressed learning from patient safety incidents, quality monitoring and feedback for professional behavior change, high reliability organizations, and the application of statistical process control in healthcare.

Dr. Benn continues to teach on a range of topics, including patient safety theory, quality improvement tools, and methods for improvement research and evaluation. In addition, he works closely with the Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust to ensure that improvement research has translational impact to promote safer, better-quality care for patients.

Kevin J. O’Leary, MD, MS, is Professor of Medicine, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago. He received an MD from the University of Illinois at Chicago and completed an Internal Medicine residency at Northwestern University. He also has a master’s degree in Healthcare Quality and Patient Safety from Northwestern University.

Dr. O’Leary serves as Chief of the Division of Hospital Medicine, Associate Chair of the Department of Medicine for Quality, and Medical Director of the General Medicine Inpatient Services for Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Most of his professional activities involve leading, teaching, and/or researching quality improvement. He has published in the areas of hospital medicine, medical education, and healthcare quality and patient safety. His primary research interest is interdisciplinary collaboration and the influence of systems of care delivery on hospitalized patient outcomes. He is currently evaluating the use of technology to improve communication among hospital-based team members and their patients. He is also defining goals and optimal models of care for complex patients with high hospital use.

Dr. O’Leary also serves as Director of the Northwestern Medicine Academy for Quality and Safety Improvement (AQSI), a professional development program designed to teach healthcare professionals the skills needed to lead quality improvement. In 2015 AQSI received the American Association for Physician Leadership Leape Ahead Award.
Patricia W. Stone, PhD, RN, FAAN, is Centennial Professor of Health Policy, Columbia University School of Nursing, Columbia University Medical Center, New York City, and Director, Center for Health Policy, Columbia University. She holds an MS from Syracuse University, an MPH from Harvard University, and a PhD from the University of Rochester. She is a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and serves on its Expert Panel on Quality Health Care. Her primary area of interest is the intersection of nurse workforce, quality, patient safety, and efficiency. She has published extensively, including comparative effectiveness studies and economic evaluations regarding the prevention of health care–associated infections. Her work has informed policy regarding nurse staffing levels in hospitals, as well as federal and state legislation mandating hospitals’ reporting of infections-related process and outcome data. She is currently leading multiple federally funded studies, including The Study of the Integration of Infection Management and Palliative Care in Nursing Homes (SIMP-EL), Infection Management in Home Health Care (InHome), and Barriers and Facilitators for NHSN [National Healthcare Safety Network] Reporting in Nursing Homes.

Dr. Stone has served on national policy-making committees, including co-chairing two National Quality Forum Technical Advisory Panels and chairing AcademyHealth’s Interdisciplinary Research Group on Nursing Issues. She is passionate about mentoring interdisciplinary scientists, with a focus on how comparative effectiveness research can best inform important policy questions and improve health care delivery.