

# TUESDAY, APRIL 19: Nursing Research and Quality Outcomes Day

## Meet the Speakers



**Ann O'Mara, PhD, RN, FAAN,** Head, Palliative Care Research, Division of Cancer Prevention, National Cancer Institute

Dr. Ann O'Mara manages a portfolio of research projects focused on disease and treatment related morbidities,

as well as palliative and end-of-life care. The majority of these projects focus on the more common morbidities, e.g., pain, chemotherapy induced neuropathy, fatigue, sleep disturbances, and psychosocial issues, such as distress, anxiety and depression. She is a member of several trans-NIH working groups and consortia, (e.g., trans-NIH Pain Consortium) that are established to enhance research and promote collaboration across the many NIH Institutes and Centers that address morbidities. Dr. O'Mara has conducted research on end-of-life care, and on educating nurses and physicians about palliative care. Her publications focus on quality-of-life issues facing cancer patients and families across the disease trajectory. Prior to NCI, she was Director of the Advanced Practice Oncology Track, University of Maryland School of Nursing. She is a member of the Oncology Nursing Society, American Society of Clinical Oncology, American Nurses Association, American Pain Society, and International Association for the Study of Pain; a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing; and a former editorial board member of the Journal of Clinical Oncology. She has received numerous NIH merit awards for efforts promoting symptom management and quality-of-life research. In 2012, Dr. O'Mara received the John and Emma Bonica Public Service Award from the American Pain Society. She received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University at Buffalo, the State University of New York, where she received a BS in Nursing. She earned an MS in Nursing from the Catholic University of America, a Master of Public Health from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, and a PhD from the University of Maryland, College Park.



**Ellen-Marie Whelan, CRNP, PhD, FAAN,** Chief Population Health Officer, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS), Senior Advisor, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

Dr. Ellen-Marie Whelan is the Chief Population Health Officer for the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) providing clinical input and guidance for the health coverage for over 70 million people who are served by Medicaid and CHIP and a Senior Advisor at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI), coordinating the pediatric portfolio across the Center. In both positions Dr. Whelan assists in the design, implementation and testing of delivery system transformation and payment reform initiatives. Before CMS, Dr. Whelan was the Associate Director of Health Policy at the Center for American Progress. Her research, publications, and speaking engagements focused on the development and passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, system delivery and payment reform, safety net providers, primary care, and health workforce policy. Prior to joining CAP, she was a health policy advisor in the U.S. Senate for five years – working for both Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle, as a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow and as Staff Director for the Subcommittee on Aging to the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions with Senator Barbara Mikulski. Before coming to Capitol Hill, Dr. Whelan was a health services researcher and faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania and Johns Hopkins University and practiced as nurse practitioner for over a decade. She has worked in a variety of primary care settings and started an adolescent primary care clinic in West Philadelphia. For this effort she received the Secretary's Award for Innovations in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, presented by U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, Donna Shalala and was one of the first nurse practitioners in Pennsylvania to obtain an independent Medicaid provider number. In 2011 the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) honored Dr. Whelan with their Luminary Award acknowledging her contributions in public policy and from 2012-2015 she was a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellow. Dr. Whelan holds a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University, a master's degree and Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania and The Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics and completed a postdoctoral fellowship in primary care policy with Barbara Starfield, MD at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health.



**Barbara Snapp, DNP, NNP-BC,** Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, Children's National Health System, Washington, DC

After a longstanding career in neonatal nursing as a clinical and advanced practice nurse, Dr. Snapp completed her doctorate in nursing practice in 2013. Her capstone focused on late preterm infant morbidities. More recently her attention has turned to specific research to better define the characteristics and outcomes associated with this age group. Late preterm infants are routinely studied as a single entity yet, within these three weeks of gestational age, a varying hospital course can be expected and vastly different levels of nursing care may be required. As a NP in a community hospital, Dr. Snapp is redefining advanced practice nursing expertise in neonatal populations that larger children's hospitals rarely see. Dr. Snapp collaborates closely with her nursing colleagues to assure high quality evidence based care is provided to infants and families under her charge. She provides clinical expertise to the direct care she provides to preterm infants and their families in the NICU and to her collaborative efforts within the department of pediatrics. Her commitment to nursing scholarship and quality care is evidenced by her many publications, leadership in a multicenter, collaborative quality improvement team, role in a state initiative on neonatal abstinence syndrome, and her work with two national organizations on developing quality metrics for neonatology. Dr. Snapp exemplifies how the community hospital NP can provide the highest level of care, conduct studies, promote quality improvement, and a voice on state and national issues.



**Jeanne Geiger-Brown, PhD, RN, FAAN,** Associate Professor, University of Maryland School of Nursing, Vice President, Faculty Senate of the University of Maryland, Baltimore Conway Nursing Research Scholar, Children's National Health System

Dr. Jeanne Geiger Brown conducts research examining adverse outcomes of occupational sleep deficiency and strategies for

reducing fatigue and sleepiness to make workers safer. Her most recent studies have focused on 12-hour shift hospital nurses and the errors, accidents and injuries that beset them as a result of inadequate sleep. She co-leads a translation team at Children's National that is examining the potential to implement napping for night shift nurses as an evidence-based practice to improve safety. She is a professor and the founding dean of the School of Health Professions at Stevenson University.



**Jaime Murphy Dawson, MPH,** Program Director, Healthy Nurse Healthy Nation™ Grand Challenge Department of Nursing Practice and Work Environment

Jaime Murphy Dawson, MPH is a Program Director within the Department of Nursing Practice and Work Environment at the American Nurses Association. She is currently leading the planning of ANA's Healthy Nurse Healthy Nation™ Grand Challenge, an initiative that will launch later in 2016. Jaime's past programmatic work at ANA has included nurse fatigue, safe patient handling and mobility, sharps injury prevention, and workplace violence.



**Brenda Helen Sheingold, PhD, FNAP, RN,** Assistant Professor, Director, Healthcare Quality Graduate Programs, The George Washington University, School of Nursing

Dr. Sheingold is an Assistant Professor and Founding Faculty in GW's School of Nursing where she serves as the Director of the Healthcare Quality Graduate Programs. She was previously an intern in the Office

of the Assistant Secretary for Planning & Evaluation (ASPE) in Washington, DC, and Senior Quality Project Manager for the Kaiser Permanente Mid-Atlantic Region.

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