

David B. Nash, MD, MBA

Dr. Nash was named the Founding Dean of the Jefferson School of Population Health (JSPH) in 2008. This appointment caps a 25 year tenure on the faculty of Thomas Jefferson University. He is also the Dr. Raymond C. and Doris N. Grandon Professor of Health Policy. JSPH provides innovative educational programming designed to develop healthcare leaders for the future. Its offerings include Masters Programs and Certificate in Public Health, Healthcare Quality and Safety, Health Care Quality and Safety Management, Health Policy and Applied Health Economics and Outcomes Research. JSPH also offers a doctoral program in Population Health Science.

Dr. Nash is a board certified internist who is internationally recognized for his work in public accountability for outcomes, physician leadership development, and quality-of-care improvement. Repeatedly named to *Modern Healthcare's* list of Most Powerful Persons in Healthcare, his pro bono national activities cover a wide scope. Currently he is on the VHA Center for Applied Healthcare Studies Advisory Board. He is a principal faculty member for Quality of Care programming for the American College of Physician Executives (ACPE) in Tampa, FL and leads the academic joint venture between ACPE and the JSPH. He is on the NQF task force on Improving Population Health and is on the John M. Eisenberg Award Committee from the Joint Commission. He also is a founding member of the AAMC-IQ Steering Committee, the group charged with introducing the tenets of quality and safety into medical education. Finally, Dr. Nash has chaired the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) of the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council (HC4) for more than 15 years and he is widely recognized as a pioneer in the public reporting of outcomes.

Dr. Nash has governance responsibilities in both the not-for-profit and for-profit healthcare sector. In the not-for-profit sector, Dr. Nash served on the Board of Trustees of Catholic Healthcare Partners in Cincinnati, OH from 1998 to 2008, where he was the inaugural chair of the board committee on Quality and Safety. Currently, he is on the board of Main Line Health, a four-hospital system in suburban Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he also chairs the board committee on Quality and Safety. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Population Health Alliance (formerly DMAA) in Washington, DC and edits the official journal of the PHA. He was recently named to the HIMSS Board of Managers in Chicago, IL.

In the for-profit sector, Dr. Nash was named to the Board of Directors for Humana, Inc., one of the nation's largest publically traded healthcare companies, in 2009. In 2013 he joined the board of Vestagen Technical Textiles, a privately held advanced medical textile company in Orlando, FL. Finally, he recently joined the board of InfoMC in suburban Philadelphia, a leading information technology company.

Through publications, public appearances, his "[Nash on Health Policy](#)" blog, and an online column on *MedPage Today*, Dr. Nash routinely reaches more than 100,000 persons every month. He has authored more than 100 articles in major peer-reviewed journals. He has edited 23 books, including [Connecting with the New Healthcare Consumer](#), [The Quality Solution](#), [Governance for Healthcare Providers](#) [Population Health: Creating a Culture of Wellness](#), and most recently, [Demand Better](#). From 1984 to 1989 he was the inaugural Deputy Editor of *Annals of Internal Medicine*. Currently, he is Editor-in-Chief of four major national journals including *American Journal of Medical Quality*, *Population Health Management*, *P&T*, and *American Health and Drug Benefits*.

Dr. Nash received his BA in economics (Phi Beta Kappa) from Vassar College; his MD from the University

of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry and his MBA in Health Administration (with honors) from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. While at Penn, he was a former Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholar and Medical Director of a nine-physician faculty group practice in general internal medicine.

ENGAGING IN QUALITY PANEL

Rebecca Jaffe, MD

Dr. Rebecca Jaffe is the Assistant Patient Safety Officer at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, and an Assistant Professor in the Division of Hospital Medicine. After completing her undergraduate degree in Neuroscience and Fine Arts at Brown University, Dr Jaffe enrolled at the University of Pennsylvania for medical school. She remained there for her residency in Internal Medicine, deciding to pursue a career as a hospitalist primarily because she enjoys complex acute care. The gaping rift between the quality of care she feels she owes her patients and that which she sees practiced in our current health care system drives her interest in Quality Improvement and Patient Safety.

Within the field of Quality Improvement, Dr. Jaffe is particularly interested in transitions of care and the provision of care to at-risk and underserved populations. Her role as Assistant Patient Safety Officer is varied, and allows her to be involved in a range of improvement projects and interdisciplinary committees all with the common thread of using QI methodology to reduce preventable harm in the hospital setting. Additionally, she is invested in developing a new and innovative curricula in QI and Patient Safety, and runs a successful project-based QI curriculum for the Internal Medicine residency. In 2013 she received four teaching awards for her work as a clinician educator, including the “Humanism in Medicine” award from the Internal Medicine residents.

Bracken P. Babula, MD

Dr. Bracken Babula is an Instructor in Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University and the Sidney Kimmel Medical College. He recently joined the faculty as a primary care physician at Jefferson Internal Medicine Associates. He is a generalist with clinical interests in preventative medicine, advance care planning and HIV primary care.

Bracken is also part of the quality improvement faculty within the Department of Medicine, and spends much of his time working on improved models of care, both in primary care and the specialties. He is passionate about the triple aim of better care and better health at a lower cost.

Bracken received his undergraduate degree from Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts. He went to medical school in New York City at Weill Cornell Medical College. He completed his residency in primary care and internal medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston.

Martin Wegman

Martin Wegman is currently a Doris Duke International Clinical Research Fellow at Yale University and an MD/PhD candidate at the University of Florida. His work focuses on analyzing and developing policies and systems to improve population health and social outcomes, with careful attention to individuals living at the margins of society, including those affected by drug use and mental illness. His research has taken him to Malaysia and South Africa, and has spanned topics ranging from harm reduction, managed care and patient engagement. With published and forthcoming analysis in Health Affairs and JAMA, Martin has garnered over \$350,000 in grant support for his quality improvement work. He has received

national recognition, including the AMA Foundation's 2013 Leadership Award and being named an ACMQ National Quality Scholar.

Formerly, he was Executive Director for a safety-net clinic network in Gainesville, FL and a founding Section Editor for the Q-TIP column in the American Journal of Medical Quality.

Martin is currently serving as the National President of the Student/Resident Section of ACMQ where he facilitates efforts to engage other health professional trainees in meaningful medical quality work. After his training, Martin plans to continue to influence patient and population health as an academic clinician-scientist leader and advocate.

Maria Montano

Maria Montano attended Rutgers University for college and graduated with a degree in Biotechnology, and a minor in Biochemistry. Her interest in health care and medicine developed after she started her Master of Public Health (Infectious Diseases & Vaccinology concentration) at UC Berkeley. Moving out to California for a few years was one of her favorite experiences. Maria is currently pursuing a medical degree at Sidney Kimmel Medical College and she attended the Telluride Patient Safety Camp this past summer. Maria hopes to offer her own personal experiences while simultaneously learning new tools that will translate into her own professional work. Maria is honored to participate in the ACMQ conference and looks forward to gaining a greater perspective on patient safety.