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Babette Edgar currently directs and manages the formulary review process, benefit oversight, marketing operations, plan transition issues, licensure and solvency operations, and other financial and operational areas for the Medicare Drug benefit at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. She spent the previous 9 years in the pharmacy benefit management industry with management responsibilities in disease management, marketing, business development, sales, product development, and clinical and formulary management. For the past 13 years, she has also been a Clinical Instructor at the University of Maryland, where she served four years as Assistant Professor full time in the Clinical Division. She also provided clinical services for geriatric psychiatry patients for over 8 years. Dr. Edgar has published several peer reviewed articles and book chapters and has been invited to lecture at many professional association and other meetings. She has been involved with and served on committees for AMCP and ASHP. She received her Bachelors degree in Pharmacy from Rutgers University College of Pharmacy, her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Duquesne University and her Masters in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix.

**JACK HOADLEY, Ph.D.**

Jack Hoadley is a health policy analyst and researcher with over 20 years experience in this field. He joined Georgetown University's Health Policy Institute as a Research Professor in January 2002, where his primary focus is on health financing topics, including Medicare, Medicaid, and policies relating to the health care marketplace more broadly. Recent projects have included studies of formularies and other cost containment approaches for prescription drugs, the impact of recent changes to Medicare payment for cancer drugs, state experience with pharmaceutical assistance programs, the use of evidence-based medicine to manage pharmacy costs, and early experiences with the Medicare discount drug card. He is trained as a Ph.D. in political science and has worked in both academic and government settings. Prior to arriving at Georgetown, he held positions at the Department of Health and Human Services in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, the Physician Payment Review Commission and its successor, the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, and the National Health Policy Forum.

## **DAN MENDELSON**

Dan Mendelson is President of The Health Strategies Consultancy, LLC. Health Strategies provides strategic consulting, analytic due diligence, and policy guidance for clients in industry, government, and the not-for-profit sector. Based in Washington D.C., the firm focuses on the intersection between public policy and business strategy. Health Strategies also completes objective, analytic policy research funded by major medical foundations. Dan is also currently Adjunct Professor of Business Administration at The Fuqua School of Business at Duke University. From 1998 to 2000, Dan served as Associate Director for Health at the Office of Management and Budget, Medicare, Medicaid, NIH, CDC, and FDA. His work included development of the Administration's pharmaceutical benefit, Presidential initiatives in health information technology and medical error prevention, the electronic disease surveillance system, and federal policies in reimbursement and technology assessment. Prior to joining OMB, Dan was Senior Vice President of The Lewin Group (a subsidiary of Quintiles Transnational) and Director of the Medical Technology Practice. Dan has published widely in peer-reviewed and professional journals on health information technology, the costs of disease, hospital costs and operations, physician payment, the economics of managed care, medical malpractice, and a range of other topics in healthcare policy and business. He holds an undergraduate degree in economics and viola performance from Oberlin College, and a Masters in Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

## **TOM PAUL, PHARM.D.**

Tom Paul is the chief pharmacy officer for Ovations, a UnitedHealth Group Company, and president of Pharmacy Solutions. In his role, he is responsible for delivering pharmacy services to older Americans through State and Federal and consumer-based programs. This includes responsibility for managing the nation's largest pharmacy program, AARP Pharmacy Services, and providing leadership for one of the nation's fastest growing discount drug card programs, U Share. Tom has participated in numerous federal and state hearings and forums focusing on prescription drug pricing and creating increased access to affordable medications. Tom serves on the Board of Trustees of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists Research and Education Foundation. The foundation focuses on senior care pharmacy as well as on the study of diseases that disable elderly people and diminish their quality of life, and the use of medications to treat these conditions. Prior to joining Ovations, Tom spent 10 years in the pharmacy benefit management industry where he specialized in the analysis and management of prescription drug trends. He consulted with employers, unions, managed care organizations and consumer associations on improving access and affordability of medications. Previously, Tom held clinical positions in both clinic and hospital settings. Tom received his pharmacy degree from the College of Pharmacy at North Dakota State University.

**SARA ROSENBAUM, J.D.**

Sara Rosenbaum is the Harold and Jane Hirsh Professor of Health Law and Policy and Chair of the Department of Health Policy at the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services. Professor Rosenbaum also directs the Hirsh Health Law and Policy Program and the Center for Health Services Research and Policy and holds appointments in the Schools of Medicine and Health Sciences and Law. Professor Rosenbaum, who received her J.D. from Boston University Law School, has focused her career on access to health care for low income, minority, and medically underserved populations. She has played a major role in the design of national health policy in areas such as Medicare and Medicaid, private health insurance and employee health benefits, access to health care for medically underserved persons, maternal and child health, civil rights and health care, and public health. From 1993-1994, Professor Rosenbaum worked for the White House Domestic Policy Council, where she directed the drafting of the Health Security Act for President Clinton and oversaw development of the Vaccines for Children program. She serves on numerous national organizational boards, advises the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee in *John B. v. Goetz*, and has served as an advisor on numerous governmental and private sector health policy initiatives. She is co-author of Law and the American Health Care System (Foundation Press, New York, N.Y.), a widely used health law textbook. Professor Rosenbaum is a recipient of a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Investigator's Award in Health Policy Research, and her work focused on race discrimination and health policy. She has been named one of America's 500 most influential health policymakers and has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for distinguished national service on behalf of Medicaid beneficiaries.

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Diane Rowland is the Executive Vice President of the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and the Executive Director of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. She is also an adjunct Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the School of Hygiene and Public Health of the Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Rowland is a noted authority on health policy, Medicare and Medicaid, and health care for low-income, elderly, and disadvantaged populations and has published widely on these subjects. Her federal health policy experience includes service on the staff of the Subcommittee on Health and the Environment of the Committee on Energy and Commerce in the House of Representatives of the U.S. Congress, as well as senior health policy positions in the Department of Health and Human Services in the Office of the Secretary and the Health Care Financing Administration. Dr. Rowland holds a Bachelor's degree from Wellesley College, a Masters in Public Administration from the University of California at Los Angeles and a Doctor of Science in health policy and management from the Johns Hopkins University.

## **GEORGE A. TALER, M.D.**

George A. Taler, graduated from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in 1975, completed a residency in Family Medicine in 1978, and a Geriatric Fellowship at the Jewish Institute for Geriatric Care (now the Parker Geriatric Institute) in New Hyde Park, N.Y. Dr. Taler joined the faculty in Family Medicine at the University of Maryland, where he was an Associate Professor until he left in 1999 to join the Washington Hospital Center as Director of Long Term Care. His responsibilities include Co-Director of the Medical House Call Program, Vice President for Medical affairs of MedStar Home Health-VNA and Medical Director of Northwest Health Care Center, a 343-bed nursing home in Washington, D.C. Community leadership activities include Past-President of the Maryland Gerontological Association, 1991-1992; Founding President of the Maryland Geriatrics Society (State affiliate of the American Geriatrics Society), 1993; President of the American Academy of Home Care Physicians, 1998-2000. Dr. Taler has been a member of the Board of the National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel since 2002.

## **J. RUSSELL TEAGARDEN**

J. Russell Teagarden currently serves as Vice President of Clinical Practices and Therapeutics at Medco. He joined Medco in July of 1993 as Director of Clinical Programs. Prior to joining Medco, Mr. Teagarden served for 12 years as a Drug Information Specialist and as a clinical pharmacist specializing in critical care in the Chicago teaching hospital community. During this time, Mr. Teagarden held an academic appointment at the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy as Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacy. Mr. Teagarden has also worked in the medical communications industry. Mr. Teagarden currently holds academic appointments at Rutgers College of Pharmacy, Ohio Northern University College of Pharmacy, Albany College of Pharmacy, and the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy & Sciences at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. He is on the Dean's advisory council at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy & Sciences, and has been a member of the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy Advisory Committee. He was a visiting scholar in Department of Clinical Bioethics at the National Institutes of Health from September 2001 to June 2002. Currently, he serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Safe Medication Practices and as a member of the Board of Trustees of the P&T Society. He also serves on the Oversight Body of the American Medical Association Ethical Force Program. Mr. Teagarden received a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy, and he completed a residency in hospital pharmacy at Northwestern University Medical Center in Chicago. He also holds a Master of Arts degree in Research Methodology from Loyola University of Chicago, and is currently a candidate for a Doctorate in Medical Humanities at the Caspersen School of Graduate Studies of Drew University. He has published several papers on significant medical, pharmacy, and ethics issues.