

2022 MAHQ Board Candidates

Candidate Name	Job Title	Employer	What Position are you Seeking?
Tony Calabria	Director, Clinical Quality And Regulatory Programs	Medstar Health	President-Elect
<p>I'm running for the position of President-Elect. I have been involved in healthcare quality for nearly 20 years and have been working in a healthcare setting for over 25 years. I hold a BS in Psychology and a MA in Experimental Psychology, as well as certifications in healthcare quality [CPHQ] and Lean/Six Sigma. I have experience in healthcare quality and process improvement, with expertise in data analysis, interpretation, and reporting, as well as using improvement techniques and methods. I have been a member of the Quality & Safety Team at MedStar Health for over 6 years, where I've facilitated and led system-wide clinical quality improvement initiatives involving analysis and interpretation of clinical quality data, process/workflow analysis, and process redesign activities. Additionally, I serve as the subject matter expert for CMS and HSCRC Pay for Performance Programs impacting inpatient areas, and other publicly reported data. I am an active MAHQ Member, currently serving on the board, an instructor for the Executive Master's Program in Clinical Quality, Safety & Leadership at Georgetown University, and faculty member for the MedStar Institute for Quality & Safety.</p>			
Lauren Johnson	Assistant Director, Quality Improvement	The Johns Hopkins Hospital	Member at Large
<p>As a current board member, I am actively engaged in the operations and activities of the association. I want to continue my service as a member at large to assist with implementing and facilitating the current plans while helping to build the vision for the future of our association. I have a diverse background in health care, business as well as quality. I believe this unique blend helps bring a different lens to the discussions and activities of the board. ultimately, I am applying for this position so I may continue to contribute to our profession while bringing value to our members.</p>			
Olivia Lounsbury	Quality And Safety Programs Coordinator	Johns Hopkins	Secretary, Member at Large
<p>I've recently started a position in the Pediatric Quality and Safety Department at Johns Hopkins, and I'm interested in getting involved in local, regional, and national quality and safety efforts. I am able to bring both a young person and patient perspective to conversations related to quality and safety. I am currently pursuing my degree in Clinical Quality, Safety, and Leadership at Georgetown and intend to continue my studies in a Quality Doctoral Program within the next 1.5 years. I believe I would be able to help MAHQ with member communication, research, education, and publication as an active, upcoming voice in quality and safety.</p>			
Thaïssa Davila	Clinical Quality Improvement Consultant	Children's Hospital Association	Member at Large
<p>Debbie Kadamian introduced me to MAHQ several years ago, by introducing me to the CPHQ review course. The course was very helpful and allowed me to network and pass my CPHQ certification exam. As my quality career has progressed, I would like to share my acquired knowledge with other members, and be available to help the members of MAHQ. Also, I would like to use this opportunity to continue to grow, to learn from other healthcare quality leaders, to be exposed to different MAHQ members, and to expand my networking within the quality community.</p>			
Debbie Kadamian	Quality Improvement Specialist	VA Medical Center Baltimore	Secretary
<p>I have been a member at large for the past 2 years and I am looking to take a more active role within the organization. I have worked in quality, patient safety, and risk management for the past 20 years. I have held the position of interim director of quality and patient safety as well as the risk management position. I look forward to continuing my affiliation with MAHQ for the next 2 years as well as contributing to the development of colleagues new to the quality arena.</p>			
W. Shannon Hale	Director, Performance Improvement	Vizient, Inc	Secretary, Member at Large
<p>Bringing over 20 years healthcare experience (10 in quality), I am passionate about healthcare quality. over the course of my career, I've had the honor of being part of, and successfully executed projects with several quality teams including the areas of accreditation/regulatory, patient safety and performance improvement. throughout my work, I also keep the patient in mind: it's great to see percentages in dashboards (such as decreased falls, mortality decreases, etc.), but I always remember that behind each percentage point is a patient/family member, etc. that is what drives me – to celebrate improvements made, but use that energy to continue improvement. I would be honored to have a seat at the table with MAHQ.</p>			
Eileen McCarthy	Quality Improvement Specialist	Kaiser Permanente	Member at Large
<p>Eileen McCarthy, MBA, BSN, RN, CPHQ is a registered nurse with over ten years' experience in leading quality and patient safety initiatives. As a cardiac nurse at University of Maryland Medical Center, Eileen developed a passion for improving care and led multiple projects to improve patient outcomes. In addition, she served two years as a member of the Nursing Practice Council and Emergency Department Council of Good Samaritan Hospital. Eileen joined Kaiser Permanente in 2016 as a primary care Clinical Operations Manager and spent three years as a process improvement consultant. She completed both her Lean Six Sigma Greenbelt and CPHQ certifications in 2019 and now is currently a Quality Improvement Specialist with oversight of the Maryland, DC, and Virginia Kaiser premier partners. Eileen leverages an MBA in healthcare leadership and experience in multi-site management to identify opportunities for improvement and introduce innovations.</p>			
Jennifer Murray Reeves	Area Vice President Of Business Development	Amedisys Home Health	Member at Large
<p>I would like to bring my passion for Quality PAC Transitions of Care, Discharge Planning and Case Management experience to the MAHQ. As we see the home environment and aging in place play an ever-larger role in our health system and in social determinants of health, I believe my experience in home health could be valuable to the discussion. I am also open to learning from the experience of the larger group and to bring those experiences back to my team to help our work evolve and change. I have 12 years in home health in various roles, working my way from field clinician to care transitions coordinator and then to AVP. Prior to Amedisys I worked in acute care rehab and SNF as both a clinician and an admissions coordinator and learned an appreciation for much of what it takes to make our healthcare system work.</p>			

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Julia Blackburn	Patient Safety Officer	UMBWMC	Member at Large
<p>I am currently the Patient Safety Officer at University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center (UMBWMC). In this role I have partnered with internal and external stakeholders to promote facility and system-wide patient safety strategies and identify areas of concern and improvement. For over seven years, I have held an adjunct faculty position with Southern New Hampshire University, teaching and mentoring students in the RN to BSN online program. One of the classes that I teach, Systems Leadership for Continuous Quality Improvement, is a great opportunity to share my professional experiences and accomplishments with students. In this role, I have the privilege of introducing the importance of patient safety and quality improvement, along with the leadership attributes that support and sustain these initiatives. Throughout my extensive nursing career, I have held leadership and educator positions and have been fortunate to be on the cutting edge of evidence based nursing practices and technology. My passion has always been to promote patient safety, from working with the Institute of Healthcare Improvement (IHI) to implement care bundles for Ventilator Associated Pneumonia, CLABSI and CAUTI initiatives, to my current role utilizing some of the strategies of IHI's Root Cause Analysis and Actions (RCA2) methodology for completing Root Cause Analyses (RCAs) at BWMC. I have held many certifications including CCRN, NE-BC and most recently CPPS. I am in the process of preparing for the CPHQ exam in order to expand my own awareness and continue to embody the focus on quality and safety in health care. Recognizing opportunities for improvement, communicating clear expectations and action plans, and facilitating and providing support to those on the front line who are responsible for safe quality outcomes are all priorities. I am confident that I will contribute knowledge, experience and a passion for safety and quality, if selected to join the MAHQ Board of Directors. I also hope to continue to learn in this critically important field of patient safety and know this role would contribute to my own professional and educational endeavors. If I am chosen to serve as a Member at Large on the MAHQ Board of Directors, my goal would be to support and meet the goals of the organization and engage in relevant activities related to sharing patient safety education and practice.</p>			
Julie Mills	Clinical Quality Analyst	University of Maryland Rehab & Ortho	Member at Large
<p>My reason for seeking the position of Member At Large is because I am passionate about ensuring quality healthcare services are provided while being a steward of fiscal responsibility. I have 30+ years of experience in a variety of healthcare settings and positions as a Licensed Practical Nurse, with a BA in Health Science and Policy from UMBC and a MHS in Healthcare Finance and Administration from Johns Hopkins University. In my current position, Clinical Quality Analyst, I have an active role in educating staff at all levels, ensuring quality of care being provided, and meeting regulations through standards of care. Being part of the PI/Quality Department ensures that I am an active participant and leader on multiple projects across the hospital.</p> <p>What I have to offer MAHQ is a commitment to organizations and being an active member. In my previous position with a home healthcare company, I was a very active participant with Maryland National Capital Homecare Association and was awarded Member of the Year 2021 for my commitment to quality care and activities I coordinated related to COVID and PPE supply distribution to ensure Clinicians were able to safely continue to provide care in the home setting throughout the state of Maryland. I will be presenting a Poster at the AHA Conference in March highlighting the ways UM Rehab & Ortho has utilized data to improve patient outcomes, communication and coordination of care.</p> <p>I look forward to becoming a more active member of MAHQ by bringing my experience and perspective to help elevate quality healthcare.</p>			