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The audience consists of decision-makers in the public and private sectors, advisors and staff to those decision-makers, program administrators, researchers, students, and the interested public. Articles in each issue are informed, to the point, and provocative. Authors are drawn from the leadership ranks of the policy, practice, and research communities. In the Report, these authors are afforded the opportunity to engage readers in a more timely and pressing manner than is afforded through most other publication formats.

Patricia D’Antonio, BSPharm, MS, MBA, BCGP, GSA Vice President, Professional Affairs.

Dr. D’Antonio is responsible for managing the Society’s relationships with other organizations in the aging arena, leading major Society programs and projects, and developing a strategy for future growth of the National Academy on an Aging Society (GSA’s nonpartisan public policy institute). Most recently, she served as the executive director of the DC Board of Pharmacy and program manager for the Pharmaceutical Control Division, where she was responsible for the regulatory and policy development for the practice of pharmacy in the District, inspection and investigation of regulated facilities, and served as liaison to the FDA, DEA, and other federal and state organizations that promote safe handling of medications. She served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of State Controlled Substance Authorities, a non-profit organization that works to provide a continuing mechanism through which state and federal agencies and stakeholders can work to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of state and national efforts to prevent and control drug diversion and abuse. Prior to working with the DC Department of Health, D’Antonio served as director of professional and educational affairs with the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, a professional membership association representing pharmacists who practice in geriatrics. While there she was responsible for advancing initiatives to educate pharmacists and other healthcare professionals in geriatric pharmacotherapy and the unique medication-related needs of the older adult.
Barbara Resnick, PhD, RN, CRNP, Professor, OSAH, Sonya Ziporkin Gershowitz Chair in Gerontology, University of Maryland School of Nursing.

Dr. Resnick’s research focus has been on motivation of older adults, particularly with regard to performance of functional activities and engaging in regular exercise. Included among her research activities have been several federally funded projects focused on older adults such as Testing the Reliability and Validity of the Exercise Plus Program Post Hip Fracture (NIA RO1 AG17082-01) and Testing the Effectiveness of the Res-Care Intervention (AHRQ R01 HS/MH 13372-010). In addition, Dr. Resnick has numerous projects focused on testing exercise interventions across a variety of clinical areas: community dwelling older adults in a continuing care retirement community and minority older adults in senior centers. Similarly, Dr. Resnick is the primary investigator on several measurement studies related to physical activity in older adults. She has authored over 100 manuscripts, numerous book chapters on both clinical and research topics relevant to the care of older adults, and she recently authored a book on restorative care nursing. Dr. Resnick is a fellow in the Academy of Nursing and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, received the 2003 Distinguished Faculty Research Award from the University of Maryland, and numerous awards for both her clinical work as well as her research.

Sherri Sheinfeld Gorin, PhD, FSBM, Professor of Research, The University of Michigan Medical School; Director, New York Physicians against Cancer.

Dr. Gorin’s work focuses on cancer-related health disparities and health services research. She and her team have pioneered the theory and intervention approach of “academic detailing,” systematically disseminating the evidence for cancer prevention, screening, and surveillance among primary care physicians who work in under-resourced communities. Her recent work on cancer care coordination has influenced the implementation of changes across integrated healthcare systems, and federally-qualified healthcare centers.

In addition to her faculty position in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School, she is also Director of New York Physicians Against Cancer (NYPAC; nypac.center), a grant-funded research and training group that works with primary care physicians to reduce health disparities in cancer prevention and screening. NYPAC was founded by the Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center (HICCC), Columbia University.

Peter A. Hollmann, MD, Warren Alpert Medical School, Brown University.

With more than 25 years in healthcare delivery and medical management, Dr. Hollman helps to ensure the quality and relevance of EMHL to professionals across healthcare. Dr. Hollmann is chief medical officer for University Medicine, a Rhode Island-based academic and patient care medical group practice with more than 200 physicians in a dozen medical specialties. He helps define the strategy and direction of the organization in the delivery of quality and cost effective healthcare services; performance improvement activities; and the development of innovative clinical programs. He is assistant clinical professor in the Department of Family Medicine in the Warren Alpert Medical School and maintains a geriatric primary care practice in East Providence, RI.
Dr. Hollmann currently serves on the American Medical Association/Specialty Society Resource-Based Relative Value Scale Update Committee, is Co-Chair of the AMA Digital Medicine Payment Advisory Group and is past Chair of Current Procedural Terminology Editorial Panel. He is also a member of the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Geriatrics Measures Advisory Panel. He is Secretary of the Board of the American Geriatrics Society (AGS), an AGS fellow and American College of Physicians fellow. He chaired the AGS Public Policy Committee, founded the AGS Practice Management Advisory Group, and was a founding member of the AGS Quality Committee. Dr. Hollmann has been active in creating geriatric measures for Medicare and NCQA.

**Brian Kaskie, PhD, Public Policy & Aging Report Editor-in-Chief, University of Iowa.**

Dr. Kaskie is an associate professor in the Department of Health Management and Policy at the University of Iowa College of Public Health. His research involves analyzing Medicare and Medicaid policies, empirically testing models of state policy formation and implementation, and translating integrated approaches to providing geriatric care in a variety of health care settings. Most recently, Kaskie has examined the increasing use of cannabis among older persons, evaluating the implications for opioid abuse and end-of-life care.

He has a history of contributing directly to the formulation and implementation of public policies concerning older adults. He has worked with the Alzheimer’s Association National Public Policy office on developing state level strategies since 1993. From 2016 to 2017, was an American Political Science Association Congressional Fellow, assigned to the majority staff of the Senate Special Committee on Aging by Senator Susan M. Collins. He served as the project manager for the state of California’s Strategic Planning Initiative for Older Adults from 1999 to 2001, providing legislators and agency executives critical guidance in formulating policy responses in the state with the nation’s largest population of older adults.

In Iowa, Kaskie has established a superlative record of contributing in the aging and health policy arena. He has been appointed to several committees and task forces such as the Governor’s Taskforce on Re-Balancing Long-Term Care and the Iowa Committee for Value in Healthcare. Kaskie also created the University of Iowa multidisciplinary graduate fellowship in aging, authored the Iowa Board of Regents Strategic Plan for Geriatric Care, and currently directs the two graduate degree programs in health policy offered at the University of Iowa.