

Partnerships and Leading Practices to Improve Maternal Health

SPEAKER BIOS

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Trish is the clinical outcomes manager for Women’s Services at Northside Hospital, a large provider of obstetric services with nearly 17,000 babies born at the hospital each year. She received a Bachelor’s of Science in Nursing from the University of Nevada Las Vegas and a Master’s Degree of Science in Nursing as a high-risk obstetric clinical nurse specialist from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

Trish has presented nationally on high risk and critical care obstetrics, obstetrical liability, and fetal monitoring and has published numerous articles in peer review nursing journals. She is a member of the Georgia Maternal Mortality Review Committee and co-editor of *AWHONN’s High Risk and Critical Care Obstetric Nursing*, 4th ed, published this year.

Trish’s recent publications that are relevant for the AHA member webinar presentation and discussion on improving maternal health and reducing maternal mortality are listed below:

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Robyn Begley, DNP, RN, NEA-BC

CEO, American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE)

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Robyn Begley is chief executive officer of the American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE) and senior vice president, chief nursing officer of the American Hospital Association (AHA). In her role at AONE, she leads a membership organization of more than 9,700 nurse leaders whose strategic focus is excellence in nursing leadership. She oversees a number of key initiatives involving workforce, quality and safety, and future care delivery models. In addition, she works collaboratively with the AHA to ensure the perspective and needs of nurse leaders are heard and addressed in public policy issues related to nursing and patient care.

Begley previously served as vice president of nursing and chief nursing officer at AtlantiCare, a member of Geisinger, in Atlantic City, N.J. During her 35-year tenure, she led AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center

to achieve the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Magnet designation four times. She also worked with the local NAACP, Hispanic Alliance and Pan Asian leaders to promote diversity in the nursing workforce by establishing a nursing fellowship and scholarship, as well as a mentoring program for students.

Begley serves on many boards, most recently as a member of the AONE Board of Directors and chair of AONE Foundation Board of Directors. Begley earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New Brunswick, N.J., master's degree from Widener University, Chester, Pa. and bachelor's degree from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. She is board certified as an advanced nurse executive with the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

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President, Health Research & Educational Trust

Jay Bhatt is the senior vice president and chief medical officer of the American Hospital Association (AHA), president of HRET and serves on the executive team for the AHA Center for Health Innovation. Most recently, he was the first chief health officer at the Illinois Health & Hospital Association. In this role, he led large improvement projects including the Hospital Engagement Network (HEN), which is aimed at reducing readmissions and hospital-acquired conditions. He has launched several improvement collaboratives, managed the Medical Executive Forum, led the Midwest Alliance for Patient Safety, launched a physician leadership academy, and designed and advanced a statewide high-reliability initiative.

Previously, he was managing deputy commissioner and chief innovation officer for the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH). There he led the implementation of Healthy Chicago — the city's public health agenda, innovations in cross-sector partnerships, predictive analytics, epidemiology and informatics. He led the department to be internationally and nationally recognized in their approach to using predictive analytics to improve food inspections, chronic disease, West Nile and lead inspections. He also led a groundbreaking initiative with Advocate South Asian Cardiovascular Center in developing the South Asian Healthy Eating Benefits program along with a partnership to reimagine community benefit spending with Presence Health. Under his leadership, the Chicago Department of Public Health was awarded Local Health Department of the Year, and received an award from the National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention.

He also is a practicing internal medicine physician for Erie Family Health Center in Chicago serving vulnerable populations and is a member of the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern faculty and the University of Michigan Medical School faculty. He graduated from the University of Chicago in 1999 with a degree in economics. In 2008, Dr. Bhatt received both his medical degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, and his Master in Public Health degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health. In 2012, he received his Master's in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government as a Zuckerman Leadership Fellow and Mongan Commonwealth Fund/Harvard Minority Health Policy Fellow. He was a White House Fellows National Finalist in 2013. He is an American College of Physicians Walter McDonald Young Physician Awardee, 40 under 40 health innovator award recognition, and selected to the prestigious Presidential Leadership Scholars Program in 2016. He enjoys exploring Chicago with family and friends including trying different restaurants. He also enjoys teaching dance in the community.