



Meet the Acclivity Seriously Ill Population (SIP) Expert Team

Acclivity has brought together a team of experts who offer a wealth of knowledge as you prepare to enroll, participate and achieve success in CMS's new Primary Care First Seriously Ill Population (SIP) program.



John Mulder, M.D.
Member, Board of Directors

Dr. John Mulder is a nationally recognized leader in palliative and end-of-life-care. He has been practicing medicine for more than 35 years with a focus on whole patient care. Dr. Mulder serves as the Medical Director for Trillium Institute, Chief Consultant for Hospice and Palliative Care for Holland home, and the Medical Director of Palliative Services for Metro-Health in Grand Rapids, MI. He recently won the 2019 Project on Death In America Palliative Medicine Community Leadership Award from the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine.



Arif Kamal, M.D.
Chief Medical Officer

Dr. Arif Kamal is a medical oncologist, palliative medicine physician, and health technology researcher. He is an Associate Professor of Medicine at Duke University, and Physician Quality and Outcomes Officer at the Duke Cancer Institute. He has meticulously studied the development and implementation of novel tools to engage seriously ill persons and their caregivers in their journey with illness, with the ultimate goal of improving the quality of healthcare delivery.



Jeremy Powell
Founder and Chief Executive Officer

Jeremy Powell has a 20-year track record in leading some of healthcare's most successful ventures. His career started at the bedside in physical therapy. While working directly with patients and families, Jeremy quickly recognized the need to affect exponential change in advanced illness management and founded Acclivity Health Solutions. Today, the company continually strives to innovate and deliver the technologies providers need to ensure patients with advanced illness receive the right care at the right time in the right setting – while honoring the patient's dignity, goals and values. Jeremy is a frequent speaker for national healthcare conferences.



Dianne Gray
Chief Innovation and Patient Advocacy Officer

Dianne Gray is a nationally recognized speaker, award-winning writer and journalist, film producer, master collaborator and project director. She is a passionate advocate for improved communication and care for seriously ill patients, and their families. She currently serves on the board for the Elisabeth Kübler-Ross Foundation as well as on the boards of the International Children's Palliative Care Network and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization's Pediatric Leadership Council. She also co-chairs the American Academy of Pediatrics Section of Hospice and Palliative Medicine's Parent Advisory Group.



John Dickey
Senior Vice President, Commercial Operations

John Dickey has spent his healthcare career advancing organizations success with the ever-evolving, value-based payment models. Through his extensive expertise, he provides guidance to providers as they take on financial risk and navigate the challenges faced as they strive to improve clinical outcomes. John's hands-on and immersive approach, has helped numerous providers build and manage ACOs, negotiate risk contracts with payers, and implement technology and care delivery strategies that have generated tens of millions of dollars in savings and bonus payments.



Kelly Brady
Vice President of Client Success

Kelly Brady is a technology and business visionary with a 20-year, proven track record of leading the design, development, and implementation of high-performance technology solutions for healthcare organizations. Kelly has served as Program Manager in support of many large CI/ACO initiatives across the country responsible for the implementation of HIE's, Population Health Management, Care Management and the analytical and financial systems to support Medicare shared savings programs as well as other value-based program models.



Duane Feger
Director of Health Economics

Duane Feger is a Health Economist who partners with public and private organizations to manage health care costs. With nearly two decades healthcare experience, Duane's expertise ranges from private employers to commercial insurers to independent provider groups. Many leading organizations trust Duane to help them build effective processes that leverage existing resources to deliver high-quality, cost-effective care, ensure healthier patient populations, and achieve financial success. Duane's exemplary work in health economics has led to invitations by Johns Hopkins to present at national conferences.



Marjorie Kovacs
Director of Operations and Compliance

Marjorie Kovacs works to ensure that Acclivity and its clients stay current with the everchanging state and federal regulations, evaluating business processes and implementing strategic planning to improve efficiencies and enhance organizational compliance. She has 18 years of experience leading teams focused on the operation of ACOs and other risk-bearing organizations and possesses an in-depth knowledge of Medicaid and Medicare programs.



Robert Locke
Director of Markets and Strategy

Robert Locke is an accomplished healthcare technology leader with 27 years of experience delivering complex solutions to physicians, hospitals, and public health organizations. He has successfully directed the integration, consolidation, and reorganization of implementation, teams while leading organizations through periods of rapid growth. His expertise in reimbursement spans the three decades of evolution. Robert was instrumental in creating solutions to support Pay for Performance, Bundles, single and dual-sided risk arrangements and global risk.



Robin Stawasz
Program Development Executive

Robin Stawasz is an expert in hospice innovation and advocacy, and in building relationships between hospices, providers, and payers to bring the power of palliative medicine to all. She is intimately familiar with all aspects of developing new care programs, from provider relations to business planning to system reform. Her experience includes establishing robust palliative care programs for hospice organizations. She currently serves on the advisory board for the Hospice and Palliative Care Association of New York State. She is also a keynote speaker, published author, and committee and board member for the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO), National Council of Hospice and Palliative Professionals (NCHPP), and Hospice Action Network (HAN).



Cassie Wallace
SVP, Enterprise Partnerships

Cassie Wallace has spent most of her career in healthcare focusing on the opportunities that exist between Payers, Providers and Innovative Companies to improve the health care system. She has worked directly for a large Payer to identify new partnerships for delivering improved outcomes and lower costs for patients. While working within the Payer infrastructure, she was instrumental developing the initial strategy for advanced illness, including specialty pharmacy, home health, palliative care and hospice industries. Cassie's strategic vision and ability to connect companies has led to the creation of dozens of new partnerships impacting healthcare costs and outcomes across the country.