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**Speaker Biographies**



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Vincent Mor, PhD, is a professor of health services, policy & practice and Florence Pirce Grant Professor in the Brown University School of Public Health, and has been principal investigator of 40+ NIH-funded grants focusing on use of health services and outcomes of frail and chronically ill people. He has evaluated the impact of programs and policies including Medicare funding of hospice, changes in Medicare nursing home payment, and the introduction of nursing home quality measures. He co-authored the Congressionally-mandated Minimum Data Set (MDS) and was architect of an integrated Medicare claims and clinical assessment data structure used for policy analysis, pharmaco-epidemiology and population outcome measurement. Dr. Mor developed summary measures using MDS data to characterize residents' physical, cognitive and psycho-social functioning. These data resources are the heart of Dr. Mor's NIA-funded Program Project Grant, "Changing Long Term Care in America," which examines the impact of Medicaid and Medicare policies on long-term care. These data are also at the core of a series of large, pragmatic cluster randomized trials of novel nursing home-based interventions led by Dr. Mor.

Dr. Mor is one of the Principal Investigators of the National Institute on Aging (NIA) **IM**bedded **P**ragmatic **A**lzheimer's Disease (AD) and AD-Related Dementias (AD/ADRD) **C**linical **T**rials (IMPACT) Collaboratory which was established in 2019 to meet the urgent public health need to deliver high quality, evidence-based care to people living with dementia (PLWD) and their care partners within the healthcare systems (HCS) that serve them. The Mission of IMPACT is to build the nation's capacity to conduct pragmatic clinical trials of interventions embedded within health care systems for people living with dementia and their care partners.



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Jonathan Moyer, PhD, is a statistician with the NIH Office of Disease Prevention and focuses on efforts to enhance the rigor and reproducibility of NIH-funded prevention research by promoting the use of the best available research methods. This includes expanding the resources available on NIH's Research Methods

Resources website, providing guidance on the Methods: Mind the Gap Webinar Series, and collaborating with NIH Institutes and Centers on projects that require group randomization or delivery of interventions to groups.



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Dr. O'Brien is an associate professor in the Departments of Population Health Sciences at the Duke University School of Medicine. An epidemiologist by training, Dr. O'Brien's research focuses on comparative effectiveness, patient-centered outcomes, and pragmatic health services research in chronic disease. Dr. O'Brien's expertise is in systematic assessment of medical therapies in real-world settings, including long-term safety and effectiveness assessment. She is the principal investigator for projects focusing on the linkage and use of secondary data, including administrative claims, clinical registries, and electronic health record data. Dr. O'Brien is the principal investigator for the HERO Registry, a national study of the impact of COVID-19 on healthcare workers in the US. She is an affiliated faculty member in the Duke Clinical Research Institute and the Duke Margolis Center for Health Policy, a fellow of the American Heart Association, and an editorial board member for *Stroke* and the *American Heart Journal*.



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Angelo Volandes, MD, MPH, is a physician, researcher, filmmaker, and author. He is an associate professor at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital, and co-founder of ACP Decisions Nonprofit Foundation. He is an internationally recognized expert on the use of video decision support tools, decision science, and ethics. He leads an internationally recognized group of innovators and video artists who create video support tools to better inform patients about their options for medical care.

His work has been funded by the National Institute on Aging, the National Cancer Institute, the National Institute of Nursing Research, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, the NIH Common Fund, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Alzheimer's Foundation, and the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, among others.

Dr. Volandes's work has been featured in major publications and national media and he is the author of *The Conversation: A Revolutionary Plan for End-of-Life Care*. He lectures widely around the country.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, he is a proud product of the New York City public school system. He went on to receive his undergraduate degree in philosophy from Harvard, a medical degree from Yale, and a master's degree in public health from Harvard. In 2005, he was named the Edmond J. Safra Fellow at the Harvard University Center for Ethics.



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Dr. Weber is the Branch Chief for the Clinical Research in Complementary and Integrative Health Branch in the Division of Extramural Research at the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH) at NIH. She joined NCCIH as a program director in 2009. The Clinical Research Branch is responsible for the oversight of all NCCIH-supported clinical trials. Dr. Weber is coordinator for NCCIH's Clinical Trial Specific Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) and point-of-contact for natural product-related clinical trial FOAs. She is a member of the NIH Common Fund-supported Health Care Systems Research Collaboratory and the program officer for the Coordinating Center. Dr. Weber is also a member of the planning and oversight team for the NIH-DoD-VA Nonpharmacologic Approaches to Pain Management Collaboratory and project scientist for its Coordinating Center.

At NCCIH, Dr. Weber oversees a portfolio of pragmatic clinical trials, natural product clinical trials, studies of complementary medicine to promote healthy behavior, and complex complementary/integrative medicine intervention research. Her interests include the use of complementary medicine interventions for common pediatric conditions, mental health conditions, promoting healthy behaviors, and health services research.