Speaker Bios – June 7, 2024 Annual Conference

Alex Clark
Senior Healthcare Underwriter
Arch Insurance Company

Alex Clark is Senior Healthcare Underwriter at Arch Insurance. He joined the company in December 2021.

The London Healthcare team currently write more than $40m of open market gross written premium to over 150 insureds in The United States of America and Australia.

Arch are considered a "Lead Market" in this line of business, meaning they are setup to quote terms & conditions and manage claims on behalf of the subscription market.

In his current role, Alex's primary responsibility is to underwrite US hospital professional liability and long-term care.

Prior to joining Arch Insurance, Alex spent more than a decade as a healthcare and casualty (re)insurance broker.

In this role, he was responsible for the production and placement of US hospital professional liability, US long-term care and UK physicians' medical malpractice risks into the London Market.

In 2014, he was granted delegated underwriting authority on behalf of various Lloyd's syndicates to manage and underwrite a portfolio of physicians' medical malpractice insurance, which he ran successfully before joining Arch Insurance.

Dylan Braverman, Esq.
Partner
Barker Patterson Nichols, LLP

Dylan Braverman is a Partner at Barker Patterson Nichols LLP and Co-Chair of the Firm's COVID-19 litigation team and Nursing Home Practice Group. For over 20 years, Dylan has specialized in complex civil litigation, commercial litigation, insurance coverage and healthcare services. He has been awarded Super Lawyer designation since 2018, representing the top 5% of the attorneys in New York City. He is a former President of ARHMNY and is a regular lecturer and presenter at ASHRM and other related conferences.

Katherin Crossling, Esq.
Partner
Heidell, Pittoni, Murphy & Bach, LLP

Katherin Crossling is an experienced litigator who manages the defense of physicians, multi-specialty medical groups, and tertiary and quarternary institutions in complex high exposure medical malpractice cases. She has a background in the sciences that has helped her successfully defend her clients in a variety of cases ranging from sepsis resulting in quadrilateral amputation to allegations concerning management of geriatric patients to allegedly negligent Ob/Gyn care and more. In 2023 she was named as a NY metro area SuperLawyer having previously been named a Rising Star from 2015-2018. In 2022 she received the Kay Crawford Murray award from the New York State Bar Association which recognized her commitment to diversity in the legal profession and dedication to advancing the professional development of women attorneys. She serves as Co-Director of the HPMB Mentor Program and the HPMB Academy, a multi-dimensional learning and training system designed to support all attorneys and promote on-going professional learning and development. She is an active volunteer for her community where she has assisted in numerous educational initiatives.

Anthony D. DellaCroce, JD
Senior Vice President, Healthcare Practice
HUB International Limited

Anthony DellaCroce has 25 years of legal experience, of which over 20 years have been within the healthcare industry, focused on addressing the professional liability and regulatory exposures faced by hospital systems, individual providers, and other complex healthcare entities. He is part of HUB's Healthcare Practice, working on the assessment of risk and liability placements for medical providers. Prior to joining HUB in 2023, Anthony spent almost 4 years with a large, international brokerage, as the Northeast Regional Director of their Healthcare Practice, working on clients' insurance placements for healthcare systems, telemedicine companies, senior care facilities, and physician practices. Previously, Anthony spent over 11 years as a Complex Claims Manager on the healthcare team of a Lloyd's of London syndicate. There, he collaborated with healthcare providers to develop litigation strategies in response to high severity claims, directed counsel and attended mediations across the country. Previously, Anthony was a litigator with a Manhattan based law firm, defending hospitals and physicians.

Doreen Dufficy, Esq.
Partner
Heidell, Pittoni, Murphy & Bach, LLP

Doreen Dufficy is responsible for defending hospitals, physicians, and other healthcare providers in medical malpractice actions and federal civil rights actions. She also handles petitions for Assisted Outpatient Treatment, motion practice pertaining to treatment over objection and the Family Health Care Decisions Act, and regularly defends cases in state and federal court relating to psychiatric care and the Mental Hygiene Law. Prior to joining HPM&B, Doreen was employed as a staff attorney for a large Health Network located in Brooklyn and Queens comprised of three major non-for-profit hospitals, two nursing homes, a prominent physician's group, and various affiliated for-profit and non-for-profit entities. She has

experience in handling litigation involving medical malpractice, labor and employment, commercial litigation, nursing homes, general liability, risk management, and corporate compliance. Doreen rotated through both the Kings and Queens District Attorneys offices as well as litigated domestic violence and custody cases in family and community courts in the five boroughs. She also worked for a non-for-profit Elder Law Center. Doreen is a member of numerous local bar associations.

Kristen Fusco, Esq.
Claims Consultant-Northeast & NY
MedPro Group

Kristen started her career in private practice at a medical malpractice firm where she defended physicians and major New York metropolitan hospitals. She remained in private practice for 7 years before transitioning to claims handling in 2021. She currently works at MedPro Group where she handles various complex medical malpractice claims for physicians, health care facilities, and physician practice groups.

Tonya B. Henderson, MD
Chief of Gynecology, VA New York Harbor Healthcare System
Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of OB/GYN, NYU School of Medicine
Lieutenant Colonel, Eglin FL, United States Air Force

Dr. Tonya Henderson is a native of Detroit, Michigan. She received her undergraduate degree at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI and her medical degree at Wayne State University, Detroit, MI. She completed her residency training in Ann Arbor, MI. She joined the United States Air Force in February 2001. She continues to proudly serve our country in the USAF Active Reserves stationed out of Eglin Air Force Base, FL.

Dr. Henderson practices as a board-certified Obstetrician/Gynecologist. For greater than 19 years, she has worked within the Department of Defense Health System. She lives by the core values of "Integrity First, Service Before Self, Excellence in All We Do." Above all, Dr. Tonya Henderson takes great pride in providing thoughtful and comprehensive care to all her patients taking into consideration unique ethnic, religious, and culture differences.

Dr. Henderson also understands the importance of giving back to her community. She is a member of numerous nonprofit community service-based organizations as well as professional organizations. She is co-founder and Medical Director of *Extends*, a women's clinic for uninsured, homeless, and low-income women serving Gulfport and Biloxi communities of Mississippi offering basic women's health care no cost to its patients.

Dr. Henderson is married and has five children. In her spare time, Tonya enjoys traveling, reading and medical missions. She also enjoys a nice dinner with her husband, Blake, or staying at home watching a good movie. Tonya likes to read and enjoys a good afternoon nap. Tonya loves a Saturday afternoon college football game, Go Blue! Michigan Wolverines.

Currently, Dr. Tonya Henderson holds the position of Chief of Gynecology at VA New York Harbor Healthcare System serving four of the five boroughs of New York City excluding the Bronx. Dr. Henderson is Women's Health Medical Director in VISN 2 of Department of Veteran Affairs. She is also chair of New York Harbor Fertility committee within VA. She serves as Medical Director of Medical Missions for SRC.

Dr. Henderson is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, NYU School of Medicine. Additionally, she continues to serve her country with honor in the United States Air Force Active Reserves as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Jaimee Kass, Esq.
Complex Claims Examiner
TransRe

Jaimee joined TransRe in November 2023 where she handles medical professional liability claims. She has extensive experience handling medical malpractice claims in New York as both a defense attorney and a claims manager. After graduating from Brooklyn Law School, she spent 15 years in private practice defending doctors, health care professionals and facilities accused of medical negligence. Before joining TransRe, Jaimee applied her considerable expertise to the management of primary claims for a leading Third Party administrator ("TPA") and one of the largest professional liability carriers in New York.

Gina Kittek, MJ, CPHRM
System Director, Risk Management & Corporate Compliance
U.H.S. Binghamton General Hospital

Gina (Overpeck) Kittek, MJ, CPHRM has over 25 years of experience in the health care industry. She is an experienced health care risk manager managing corporate risk management functions. As the System Director of Risk Management and Corporate Compliance, Gina currently manages the risk management program and the corporate compliance functions. She manages the corporate insurance portfolio for the system including a captive insurance company, Southern New York Indemnity Co., LLC, a single parent captive writing professional and general liability coverage. She provides oversight to the management of all claims and litigation for all lines of coverage. Gina is a member of the American Society of Health Care Risk Management (ASHRM) and maintains her Certified Professional Healthcare Risk Management (CPHRM). She continues to serve on committees and task forces of ASHRM. She is also a Member of the Association for Healthcare Risk Management of New York.

Victor R. Klein, MD, MBA, FACOG, FACMG
Vice Chair-OB/GYN-North Shore
System Director, Quality & Patient Safety
OB/GYN Service Line -Northwell Health

Victor R. Klein, MD, MB**A** is currently a Perinatologist in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at North Shore University Hospital while serving as the Vice Chair of Obstetrics Gynecology at North Shore University Hospital and the System Director of Quality Patient Safety for the Ob Gyn Service Line at Northwell Health. Dr. Klein has been engaged in risk management and patient safety for over 30 years, and has lectured extensively on these fields throughout the country, including the ASHRM annual meeting. Dr. Klein received his medical degree from the State University of New York at Brooklyn/Downstate Medical School. He completed his internship at Kings County Hospital Center, residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at The Johns Hopkins Hospital, fellowships in Maternal-Fetal Medicine and Medical Genetics at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas, and his MBA in Quality Management at Hofstra University. He is board certified in medical genetics, general

obstetrics gynecology, and maternal fetal medicine, has obtained CPHRM certification, and is recognized as a Distinguished Fellow of the American Society for Health Care Risk Management (ASHRM). Dr. Klein is currently President of The Association for Healthcare Risk Management of New York (AHRMNY), and Chair of the Nominations Committee for ASHRM. He has been a member of the editorial board and past editor of the Journal of Health Care Risk Management, is on the Board of Directors for AHRMNY, a past board member for ASHRM, and is on the AHA Maternal Child Health Council. He is nationally recognized and has written over 75 articles and publications on obstetrics gynecology, risk management, and patient safety. Dr. Klein represents the American Society for Health Care Risk Management for the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM).

Dawnette Lewis, MD, MPH
Director, Center for Maternal Health
Director, Maternal Fetal Medicine, North Shore University Hospital

Dr. Dawnette Lewis, Lead for the Center for Maternal Health, wears many hats in the maternal-fetal medicine community. She serves as the Associate Program Director of the Maternal-Fetal Medicine Fellowship at Hofstra/Northwell, Associate Director of Maternal-Fetal Medicine -Ambulatory, North Shore University Hospital, Associate Director of Patient Quality and Safety, North Shore University Hospital, and Physician Lead for New York State Birth Equity Improvement Project. She is also an Associate Professor at Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell. With over 20 years in maternal-fetal medicine, Dr. Lewis's leadership in the field has always been guided by her passion – birth equity for Black-birthing mothers. Her passion fuels her goal of providing care that ensures the best pregnancy outcomes for patients and their babies.

Dr. Lewis's value of her work is reflected in her investment in the relationships she fosters with her patients, colleagues, and fellows. An MFM fellow recently thanked Dr. Lewis for her "enthusiasm and passion for the institution." Dr. Lewis prioritizes the people in the institution. She engages in relationships from a place of compassion, thoughtfulness, sensibility, and authenticity. Her strong ethos of people-first plays a crucial role in ensuring the best outcomes possible.

An equally matched passion of Dr. Lewis is her family. From her two school-aged children to her extended family of sisters, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and mother, Dr. Lewis' first and foremost love is her family. Born in St. Elizabeth, Jamaica, and raised in the Bronx, Dr. Lewis embodies the idea of strong cultural grounding with a commitment to one's community. When not playing with her children or enjoying her great-nieces and nephews, she can be found serving as the class photographer for her children's school, reading a good book, or coaching the New York Giants from her living room.

Steve Lubinsky
Senior Vice President, Complex Risks
TDC Specialty Underwriters

Steve Lubinsky started his insurance career more than 25 years ago in the finance department of Executive Risk. He began his professional liability underwriting career following Executive Risk's acquisition by Chubb in 1999. Steve has held various underwriting positions at Darwin, Ironshore and OneBeacon. He joined TDC Specialty in 2016 as the underwriting leader to develop the Complex Risks book of business. Steve's medical underwriting experience includes health systems, hospitals, physicians, miscellaneous medical facilities and long term care facilities. Steve is a graduate of Bryant University in North Smithfield Rhode Island and holds a bachelor's degree in accounting.

Christine Pardo, MD, MPH, FACOG
Medical Director, Women's Health Practice
New York-Presbyterian – Ambulatory Care Network
Assistant Professor, Dept of OB/GYN
Weill Cornell Medicine

Dr. Pardo is a Board-Certified Obstetrician and Gynecologist that serves as the Divisional Director for the Women's Health Practice where she will work to ensure high quality, patient centered care for patients and communities.

She graduated from Howard University with a B.S. in Biology and received her M.D. from Robert Wood Johnson Medical School at Rutgers University. She also completed an M.P.H. with a focus in International Health at Boston University. She completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at SUNY Downstate Medical Center. From 2013-2018 she was an Attending Physician and Co-Director of Global Women's Health at StonyBrook Medicine. In 2018 she returned to Downstate Health Sciences University where she has served as both the Director of the Division of Health Equity and the Vice Chair of Quality & Innovation. Dr. Pardo currently serves as the Divisional Director for the Women's Health Practice where she works to ensure high quality, patient centered care for patients and communities. Dr. Pardo has been published in peer-reviewed journals and publications on topics such as health equity in obstetrics & gynecology, social determinants of health and the use of quality improvement to address perinatal health disparities. Dr. Pardo is also passionate about educating the next generations of health professionals about equity, patient centered care and quality improvement. Dr. Pardo has extensive experience in quality improvement, and community-based research for which she has been awarded both NIH and foundation grants.

Priyanka Prasad
Security Engineer
Coverys

Priyanka is a hands-on security professional with over a decade of experience in the field of Information Technology and five plus years focused on Cyber security. She has a Master's degree in Computer Information Systems and is a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP).

As a Security Engineer at Coverys she leverages her thorough understanding of Security Architecture, security standards and various compliance to identify, evaluate and implement best available security solutions minimizing company's risk.

Enoch Starnes, ACI
Actuarial Consultant
SIGMA Actuarial Consulting Group

Enoch Starnes has served as an Actuarial Consultant at SIGMA since 2013 with a specialization in data management, actuarial analysis, and loss simulation for clients across a range of industries. Alongside his consulting work, Enoch serves a vital support role for SIGMA's RISK66 software suite and utilizes his editing and writing expertise for SIGMA in a variety of ways, including blog posts, educational webinars, and training videos. He has written and co-written several published articles with various team members at SIGMA which have been featured in industry periodicals such as Captive International and Captive Insurance Times. Enoch graduated from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 2011 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics, specializing in Statistics and Numerical Analysis. In 2020, he received the ACI (Associate in Captive Insurance) designation through the International Center for Captive Insurance Education.

Lianne Steele
Underwriter
Dale Underwriting Partners

Lianne joined Dale in September 2018 after graduating from the University of Southampton with a degree in Accounting and Finance. Lianne has a Diploma in Insurance.

Lianne is a lead underwriter, writing business in 30 countries throughout the world. The Dale Healthcare team is seen as a lead market in London writing gross $110m of business across the whole spectrum of healthcare.

In Lianne's spare time she enjoys playing Gaelic Football and is a keen runner, having completed the London Marathon twice.

Lekha Thomas, JD
Claims Consultant, Northeast & NY
MedPro Group

Lekha began her career as an Assistant District Attorney in the Kings County District Attorney's office where she handled all aspects of criminal prosecution, including trying misdemeanor and felony cases to verdict. Lekha then shifted to private practice in a well-known medical malpractice defense firm, for the next nine years, where she handled complex medical malpractice cases on behalf of physicians and hospital entities. She has been handling medical malpractice claims as a Claims Consultant for the last 8 years, with her most recent position at MedPro commencing in 2022.

Gessie Thompson
Health Activist & Founder
Detox Living LLC

Coach Gessie Thompson is one of the 90% of Black Women affected by fibroids by age 50. She personally battled the epidemic for 14 years and the resulting infertility for 10 of those years to have her miracle baby Nia. Her grueling journey includes 15 surgeries, five IVF cycles, a devastating miscarriage, a brain aneurysm and even her heart stopping on the delivery table.

Coach Gessie's story is currently featured in OWN TV'S film on Black Women and Infertility EGGS OVER EASY, but it gained national attention when ESSENCE published her profile titled "My Fertility Journey" in the 2014 Mother's Day issue.

The Fibroids survivor turned Health Activist, is the founder of TheDeToxNow.com—a holistic health provider of education and supplements that help combat nutrition and health disparities that lead to obesity, chronic disease, reproductive health issues and lower life expectancy rates.

The author of *END FIBROIDS Manual + Guide* is on a mission to eliminate the health equity gap by empowering women and families with a lifestyle of prevention aimed at ending inflammatory conditions that disproportionately affect Black women such as fibroids, high blood pressure, and more.

She has been recognized as "Change Maker" for her work around Women's Reproductive Health by the White House's United State of Women and has she shared her message across various media platforms. Follow her @CoachGessie and learn more at TheDeToxNow.com.