New Member Spotlight

MPA Healthcare Solutions is a physician-led healthcare data consultancy founded over 30 years ago. The consultancy serves physician groups, hospitals, and specialty societies and helps solve complex clinical and financial challenges. The company is also a think tank where clinicians continue academic pursuits. In 2017, this resulted in the publication of 11 manuscripts in a variety of peer review journals across medical disciplines. To read more about MPA Healthcare Solutions, please visit https://www.consultmpa.com/

Excerpts from a conversation with Susan Nedza, MD, MBA

Susan Nedza, MD, MBA, joined MPA Healthcare Solutions in 2015 as Senior Vice President, Clinical Outcomes Management, with a wealth of experience. Susan practiced emergency medicine for 14 years, was a regional Chief Medical Officer at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) for 4 years, focused on post-acute care coordination for two years at a health IT start-up firm, and spent two years at an Anthem subsidiary as their Chief Medical Officer. Susan is an adjunct professor of Emergency Medicine at Northwestern University and is Board-certified in Clinical Informatics. One of her key roles is Senior Principal Investigator for the CMS Virtual data center. This role enables her and her team to review millions of ED records linking physician and facility claims. This work has been critical in developing the proposed Physician Focused Payment Model for ACEP.

Susan was introduced to EDPMA several years ago through a current member who invited her to speak, in her role at CMS at the time, at the Solutions Summit annual conference. Susan has returned as a speaker at the Solutions Summit for several years. Dr. Nedza believes that one of the key challenges in emergency medicine is turning the lifeblood of data analyses into actionable plans and policies to improve patient care. Susan commented, "EDPMA is focusing on solutions that are reality-based and are informed by national and local experience." Her biggest challenge is testing the results of Medicare data analyses to a similar pool of commercial data.

With all that Susan does, she still finds time, outside of the world of Emergency Medicine, to Chair the Board of the Olancho Aid Foundation. The Foundation operates clean water projects and bilingual and special needs schools in Honduras. It serves over 900 students and has installed clean water filtration systems in 16 rural Honduran communities. Additionally, Susan is pursuing a Master's degree in Liberal Arts at the University of Chicago.

Susan said, "I became hooked on EDPMA as it presented me with an opportunity to spend time with a group of very dedicated, highly intelligent, and talented individuals who were driving our specialty forward." Susan said she always feels re-charged after an EDPMA meeting. While Susan hasn't yet joined a committee, she will be choosing between Federal Health Policy (FHPC) or the State Regulatory and Insurance Committee (SRIC). It's a tough decision as both do important work!