



HLC Diabetes Briefing
Speaker Biographies
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Mary R. Grealy
President
Healthcare Leadership Council

Mary R. Grealy is president of the Healthcare Leadership Council, a coalition of chief executives of the nation's leading healthcare companies and organizations. HLC advocates consumer-centered healthcare reform, emphasizing the value of private sector innovation. It is the only health policy advocacy group that represents all sectors of the healthcare industry. She was appointed to the position in August 1999. Ms. Grealy has an extensive background in healthcare policy. She has led important initiatives on the uninsured, improving patient safety and quality, protecting the privacy of patient medical information, and reforming the medical liability laws. She testifies regularly before Congress and federal regulatory agencies. She is a frequent public speaker on health issues and has been ranked many times by Modern Healthcare as one of the 100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare and has been named to Modern Healthcare's list of the Top 25 Women in Healthcare for 2009.

Kathryn G. Strother, M.D.
Chair, FMOLHS Diabetes Quality and Care Transformation Committee
Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System

Dr. Kathryn Giglio Strother is a native and current resident of Lafayette, LA, practicing in Youngsville, LA, at one of the twelve Lourdes Physician Group primary care offices in the Acadiana area. She is a board certified Family Medicine physician with eight years of experience in clinical practice. She graduated from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine in Shreveport in 2004. She completed her internship and residency in Family Medicine at University Medical Center in Lafayette in 2007. After completion of her residency training, she opened a private practice in Youngsville and four years later joined the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System as a Lourdes team member. She continues to treat patients daily in the scope of Family Medicine. Dr. Strother is newly appointed to serve as Diabetes Quality Committee chairman for the Franciscan Medical Group. Married for 15 years, raising 3 children, and running a busy clinical practice, she works personally and professionally to carry out a mission of service and love, inspired by St. Francis.

Robert A. Vigersky, M.D.
Medical Director
Medtronic Diabetes

Dr. Robert Vigersky is the Medical Director of Medtronic Diabetes where is working on extending technology to patients with Type 2 diabetes. Until recently he was the Director of the Diabetes Institute of the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center until his retirement in February 2015 from the Army Medical Corps after 27 years of service. He continues to see patients there as a volunteer and remains a Professor of Medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, MD. Dr. Vigersky has written over 250 publications and presentation on topics ranging from reproductive endocrinology and diabetes management to telemedicine and e-health. He is Past-President of the Endocrine Society.

Andrew Purcell
Vice President, Head of U.S. Diabetes Business Unit
Sanofi US

Andrew Purcell is Vice President and Head of the U.S. Diabetes Business Unit at Sanofi US. In this role, Mr. Purcell has broad cross-functional leadership responsibility for the portfolio of marketed diabetes products, as well as several compounds in development. He is responsible for setting and executing a comprehensive strategy to continue Sanofi's leadership role in diabetes, one of the company's most important growth platforms, while we continue to serve as a valued partner to the diabetes community.

Prior to this role, Mr. Purcell served as Vice President of the global GLP-1/injectable diabetes franchise at AstraZeneca. Mr. Purcell began his career at Parke-Davis where he held many roles of increasing responsibility within sales and management and went on to hold key diabetes leadership positions at Novo Nordisk, Becton Dickinson, and Bristol-Myers Squibb.

Mr. Purcell has served on the Board of Trustees for the Foundation of the American Association of Diabetes Educators and on corporate advisory boards with the American Diabetes Association. He holds a BSc in microbiology from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada as well as an MBA from the University of Western Ontario.

Thomas E. Menighan, BSPHarm, MBA, ScD (Hon), FAPhA
Executive Vice President and CEO
American Pharmacists Association

Thomas E. Menighan is executive vice president and chief executive officer of the American Pharmacists Association (APhA). He received his bachelor of science in pharmacy (BSPHarm) in 1974 from West Virginia University School of Pharmacy and master of business administration (MBA) in 1990 from Averett College. In 2011, he received an honorary doctor of science (ScD) degree from West Virginia University and

he was awarded a ScD by the University of Charleston (West Virginia) in 2010. Prior to his current leadership roles at APhA, Menighan was founder and president of SynTegra Solutions, Inc., in Germantown, Maryland. The company provides supply chain and chargeback auditing and consulting in risk management, 340B systems, anti-counterfeiting, and the technology of medication information. Menighan also founded SymRx, Inc., and developed CornerDrugstore.com.

Throughout his career, Menighan has served volunteer roles within the profession of pharmacy, including president of APhA from 2001 to 2002 and a member of the APhA Board of Trustees between 1995 and 2003. He was a senior staff member of APhA from 1987 to 1992. While on staff as senior director of external affairs, he managed state affairs, public relations, new business development, and practice management issues. His other professional experiences include management of the PharMark Corporation, creator of RationalMed, and licensor of systems for states to conduct drug utilization review for millions of state Medicaid enrollees. Menighan also founded and was a 20-year Medicine Shoppe owner in Huntington, West Virginia, and he is a current partner in Pharmacy Associates, Inc., a multistate specialty pharmacy that today serves patients in much of the United States.