

## Webinar Speaker Biographies



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Ms. Mary Kosinski is the Chief of Staff and Deputy Vice President for Science and Regulatory Advocacy at the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA).

Mary came to PhRMA after serving at the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) as Chief of Staff and Senior Policy Advisor at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) since July 2009. In her capacity as Chief of Staff, Mary was

responsible for a variety of functions in support of the Secretary's and President's agendas including strategic management and financial guidance across product areas; guiding interactions with the biopharmaceutical sector; and directing relationships within the Executive and Legislative branches of government.

Before joining BARDA, Mary served as the Senior Policy Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), the parent organization to BARDA created by the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act of 2006. She was responsible for a portfolio that included international health partnerships across life science sectors and several U.S. partner countries. In ASPR, Mary led HHS policy development for the Global Health Security Initiative, coordinated international food safety engagement, and negotiated influenza viral sample-sharing directives with the World Health Organization (WHO).

Prior to these science and emergency preparedness-focused roles, Ms. Kosinski served in senior policy positions within the US Department of Health and Human Services, including as Special Assistant to the Counselor for Science and Public Health under Secretary Mike Leavitt and as Special Assistant to the Administrator at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Mary received her B.S. degrees in Chemistry and Policy & Management from Carnegie Mellon University and her M.S. in Health Care Policy and Management from the H. John Heinz School in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



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Ms. Lamberton serves as Deputy Vice President in State Government Affairs for the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), a trade association of more than 38 biopharmaceutical companies located in Washington, DC. She provides clinical expertise, policy support, and strategy for multiple industry related issues, including cost and value of medicines, adherence, access to insulin, prescription drug abuse and the latest in research and

development of new medicines and the value from those new treatments and cures. She works closely with the National Governors Association, National Federation of Women Legislators, and serves on the Corporate Advisory Council for the American Association of Nurse Practitioners.

Previously, Ms. Lamberton worked for the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare (NCPSSM), a large, national, grassroots seniors' association on healthcare and long term care issues. Previous work experiences include: the General Accounting Office (GAO), the Congressional office of Senator Chuck Robb, the Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics at George Mason University, and the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, where she worked as a clinical research nurse in the National Institutes of Neurology, Disease and Stroke, where she provided direct patient care and helped lead research protocols in epilepsy, rare diseases like Fabry's Disease, Syringomyelia (Spinal Cord disorder), Brain Cancer, namely Glioblastoma, and Multiple Sclerosis. Up until two years ago, Ms. Lamberton worked in the Emergency Room on the weekends at a northern Virginia hospital.

Ms. Lamberton hold a Bachelor of Nursing degree from Texas Woman's University in Houston and a Master's of Science in Health Systems Management from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. She served as President of the Texas Nursing Student Association (an organization of more than 5,500 students and President of the National Student Nurses' Association (with more than 44,000 student nurses).