
Webinar Speaker Biographies



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Courtney Christian is a Senior Director of Policy and Research at PhRMA focusing on state-based reforms impacting health insurance, prescription drug coverage in public health programs, and on health equity. Prior to joining PhRMA, she worked at the Black Women's Health Imperative as Director of Policy and Advocacy, and on Capitol Hill for a number of years in a series of roles, including as Legislative Director. Courtney is a Florida State football fan (and alum), aspiring chef, and mom to an energetic preschooler.



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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).