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## The Diabetes Care Project *Expert Panel*

### **Gary A. Puckrein, PhD**

Gary A. Puckrein, PhD, is President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Minority Quality Forum. He also serves as Executive Director of the Alliance of Minority Medical Associations (a collaborative effort of the Asian and Pacific Physicians' Association, the Association of American Indian Physicians, the Interamerican College of Physicians and Surgeons, and the National Medical Association). In 1989 Dr. Puckrein founded the Forum's predecessor organization, the National Minority Health Month Foundation, to help communities and policy makers eliminate the disproportionate burden of premature death and preventable illness in special populations through the use of evidence-based, data-driven initiatives. Dr. Puckrein is responsible for congressional proclamations designating April as National Minority Health Month each year. Dr. Puckrein leads the Zip Code Analysis Project, which is building a comprehensive database that links vital statistics and other elements (including demographic, environmental, claims, prescription, laboratory, hospital, and clinic data) in a centralized warehouse, organized around zip codes. Dr. Puckrein has launched a series of atlases to measure and analyze health status in small geographic areas, evaluate the impact of specific interventions, and monitor changes in health outcomes. Dr. Puckrein has published successful magazines, *American Visions* and *Minority Health Today*. Dr. Puckrein was awarded his doctorate from Brown University, graduating Phi Beta Kappa.

### **James Gavin, MD, PhD**

James R. Gavin III, MD, PhD, is clinical professor of medicine at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia, and Clinical Professor of Medicine at the Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, Indiana. He serves as CEO and Chief Medical Officer of Healing Our Village, Inc., He served as president and CEO of Microslet, Inc., San Diego, California, maintaining an office base in Atlanta, was president of the Morehouse School of Medicine; served as senior scientific officer at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) and as director of the HHMI–National Institutes of Health Research Scholars Program. He is a past president of the ADA and was voted Clinician of the Year in Diabetes by the ADA in 1991. He was voted a Living Legend in Diabetes in 2009 by the American Association of Diabetes Educators. He has served on many advisory boards and on the editorial boards of the American Journal of Physiology and the American Journal of Medical Sciences. He is on the board of trustees for Emory University, Livingstone College, and is a trustee emeritus of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Dr Gavin is also chairman emeritus of the National Diabetes Education Program and a past member of the Board of Scientific Councilors for the Intramural Research Program of NIDDK at the NIH.



### **Kenyatta Lee, MD**

Dr. Lee currently works as the Assistant Medical Director of the Commonwealth Family Practice Group and Soutel Plaza Family Practice and Pediatrics. He is also the Medical Director of the Community Affairs Department. His responsibilities include the oversight of the disease management programs via the registry programs and he is actively involved in enhancing the quality of care for the Commonwealth Family Practice Group and the clinics operated by the Community Affairs Department. The Diabetes Rapid Access Program is designed to educate patients ( $Hb A_{1c} > 9$ ) concerning diabetes and lifestyles changes; to assess as to whether or not they are taking medication or can't afford medication/co-pay; and to educate about long acting insulin.

### **James E. Pope, M.D.**

Dr. James Pope is Chief Science Officer of Healthways, Inc., where he oversees medical and scientific integrity, analytic consultative services, process quality improvements, outcomes and applied research. He joined Healthways in 2003 and has served in various leadership roles during his tenure with the company, including Chief Medical Officer and Chief Operating Officer, prior to being named Chief Science Officer in 2008.

Dr. Pope has more than 25 years experience in health care, including 16 years operating a private cardiology practice in Tampa, Florida. He is the co-author of numerous journal articles and has held several executive positions, serving as President of the HeartCare Institute of Tampa and President and Medical Director of Florida Cardiac Network, an Independent Physician Association of over 100 cardiologists.

A past Consulting Associate at the Department of Medicine, Cardiology Section at Duke University, Dr. Pope has also served on the faculty at Wake Forest's Bowman Gray School of Medicine. He has served on the board of directors for DMAA: The Care Continuum Alliance and currently is on the board of IBI, a nonprofit health and productivity research company.

Dr. Pope received a Bachelor of Science from Washington and Lee University in 1975, and a Medical Degree from Eastern Virginia Medical School in 1978. He completed his postdoctoral training at Bowman Gray School of Medicine/North Carolina Baptist Hospital in 1983.