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Marie Brown, MD, MACP

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Dr. Brown practiced as an internist for over 30 years in several settings, including an FQHC, small private practice and large integrated center. In addition to her role as director, practice redesign with the AMA, Dr. Brown is a professor emeritus in the Department of Internal Medicine at Rush Medical College, past governor of the American College of Physicians (ACP) and ABIM board member.



Heather Farley, MD, MHCDS, FACEP

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Dr. Farley is an emergency physician and nationally recognized leader in health care workforce well-being. Most recently, she served as the inaugural chief well-being officer at ChristianaCare Health System and the inaugural CWO at the Medical University of South Carolina, building some of the nation's most comprehensive well-being infrastructures. Her work has helped shape the field of physician and care team member well-being through systems-level change, peer support innovation and research on burnout prevention.



Jane Fogg, MD, MPH

Physician Director of Organizational Transformation, AMA

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Dr. Fogg is a physician leader and executive with broad experience leading health care delivery, focusing on primary care, systems redesign and value-based delivery models. Prior to her current position with the AMA, she was the executive chair of internal medicine at Atrius Health, an innovative value-based health care leader in Massachusetts and a member of Optum.



Kevin D. Hopkins, MD

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Dr. Hopkins is a recognized leader and national speaker in the fields of caregiver burnout and ambulatory practice redesign and transformation. In addition to his work with the AMA and Cleveland Clinic, he holds an academic appointment with Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine as a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Medicine, teaches within the Cleveland Clinic Family Medicine Residency Program and is a faculty instructor for the Cleveland Clinic Global Leadership and Learning Institute.



Michele Thomas, MD, FAAFP

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Dr. Thomas works with both EMR and IS teams to optimize the integration of technology and data in the clinical setting. Since early 2020, a large part of her work has been with BJC's virtual care team focused on enabling providers and patients to connect virtually and seamlessly. An additional area of focus revolves around provider efficiency and wellness, focusing on reducing the administrative and cognitive burdens related to documentation and patient communication. Dr. Thomas is board certified in both family medicine and clinical informatics and is a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

