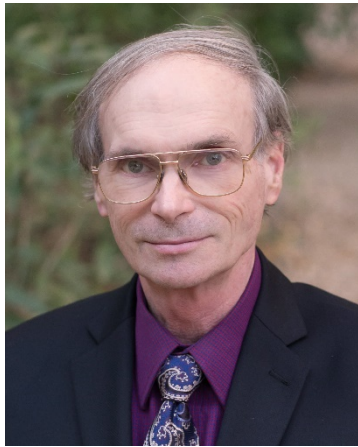


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Dr. Kavanagh has been an Associate Editor for the Journal of Patient Safety since July 2014 and is a member of the Editorial Board of Infection Control Today. He has served on the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services’ Hospital Harm/Hospital-Acquired Condition (HAC) Reduction Program Technical Expert Panel (TEP) from 2014 to 2020; the AHRQ Standing Working Group for Quality Indicators for 2016 to 2017; the AHRQ Health Care Effectiveness and Outcomes Research (HEOR) Study Section from 2019 to present, and he has also serves on the National Quality Forum’s Consensus Standards Approval Committee (CSAC) (May 9, 2018-Sep. 30, 2018, Jan. 1, 2019 to Dec. 31, 2020). He newly serves as the Patient Safety Action Networks (PSAN) liaison to the CDC’s Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC).

Undergraduate: University of Nevada at Reno, Reno, Nevada, 1972 - 1975, BS awarded in 1975. (Note: Dr Kavanagh started medical school at the age of 19, after 2 years of college and was awarded a BS degree during his second year of medical school.)

Graduate/Medical School:

1. University of Nevada at Reno, Reno, Nevada, 1974 – 1976.
2. University of New York at Buffalo, New York, 1976 - 1978, Awarded MD.
3. University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 1979 - 1983, Awarded MS.

Internship: General Surgery, Gundersen Clinic, LaCrosse, Wisconsin 1978-1979.

Residency: Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, University of Iowa Hospitals, Iowa City, Iowa. 1979-1983.

Medical License – State of Kentucky.

Board Certification

1. National Board of Medical Examiners (#192409), July 2, 1979.
2. American Board of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, October 25, 1983

Recognitions and Awards

1. **CDC & ATSDR Honor Award Nominee.** "For forging a novel partnership aimed at eliminating infections in healthcare settings and protecting patients." Aug. 20, 2014.
2. **Honor Award Certificate. National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Disease.** "For forging a novel partnership aimed at eliminating infections in healthcare settings and protecting patients." Jun. 28, 2014.

Editorial Boards

- Software Review and Computer Applications Editor for "The Annals of Otolaryngology, Rhinology and Laryngology." Jan 1991 to June 2004.
- Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Patient Safety – Dec. 2012 to Present.
- Associate Editor of the Journal of Patient Safety – Jul. 2014 to Present.
- Editorial Board Infection Control Today. Apr. 2020 to Present.

Federal & National Advisory Panels

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 2014 Hospital-Acquired Condition (HAC) Reduction Program Technical Expert Panel (TEP).
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 2015 Hospital-Acquired Condition (HAC) Reduction Program Technical Expert Panel (TEP).
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), 2016 Quality Indicator (QI) Standing Workgroup (SWG).
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Technical Expert Panel (TEP) for the Hospital Harm Performance Measure. 2017-2020.
- Study Section (grant review board) for Health Care Effectiveness and Outcomes Research (HEOR) Study Section. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Feb., 2018 to Present.
<https://www.ahrq.gov/funding/process/study-section/heorst.html>

- National Quality Forum. Member of the Consensus Standards Approval Committee (CSAC). Interim term appointment May 9, 2018-September 30, 2018. Reappointed to serve Jan. 1, 2019 to Dec. 31, 2020.
- Patient Safety Action Networks (PSAN) liaison to the CDC's Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC), Nov. 5, 2020 to Present.

University Appointments

- 1. Assistant Professor, Department of Otolaryngology, University of Tennessee, Memphis, 1983 to 1987.
- 2. Associate Professor, Department of Otolaryngology, University of Tennessee, Memphis, 1987 to 1989.
- 3. Tenured Associate Professor, Department of Otolaryngology, University of Tennessee, Memphis, 1989 to 1992.
- 4. Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Surgery, Division of Otolaryngology, University of Kentucky, Lexington, 1993. Dr. Kavanagh left clinical practice on Feb. 5th 2010.

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2. Kavanagh KT. Revising Health Care Reform - Courier Journal, Louisville, Kentucky, Jan. 21, 2011.
3. Kavanagh KT. UK Wrong To Downplay Loss of Nursing Honor – Herald Leader, Lexington, Kentucky, Mar. 21, 2011. <http://www.kentucky.com/opinion/op-ed/article44085474.html>

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5. Saman DM, Kavanagh KT. Public, patients have right to know hospitals’ infection rates – Herald Leader, Lexington Kentucky, July 11, 2011. <http://www.kentucky.com/opinion/op-ed/article44115336.html>
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Grant Review Boards

- Grant review board for Special Projects of Regional and National Significance, Office of Maternal and Child Health. Rockville, MD, May 7-9, 1989.
- Grant review board for Cooperative Agreement to Support Navigators in Federally-facilitated and State Partnership Exchanges (PPH 2013, 13 EXN) July 2013.
- Grant review board for Cooperative Agreement to Support Navigators in Federally-facilitated and State Partnership Marketplaces (CA-NAV-14-002, CFDA: 93.332) July-Aug 2014
- Grant review board for Health Care Effectiveness and Outcomes Research (HEOR) Study Section. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Feb., 2018 to Present. <https://www.ahrq.gov/funding/process/study-section/heorst.html><https://www.ahrq.gov/funding/process/study-section/heorst.html>
- AHRQ Special Emphasis Panel (regarding conference grants). AdHoc Reviewer. March. 2019.
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State Advisory Panels

- Member of Kentucky Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, Jan. 11, 2005 to Feb. 9, 2011.

Other State and Federal Committees

- Statewide Citizen Review Panel for Child Protective Services – Federally mandated oversight panel for the Kentucky Dept. of Community Based Services. Appointment Oct. 17, 2009 to April 15, 2011.

- Kentucky Medical Association's Certificate of Need advisory committee from October 2007 to July 2008.
- Alternate Member of PCORI Advisory Panel on Assessment of Prevention, Diagnosis, And Treatment Options. Mar. 26, 2012 (one year appointments).