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Amy Boutwell, M.D., M.P.P.

**Focus:**

Preventing Re-Admissions | Care Coordination & Discharge | Healthcare Quality | Healthcare Policy | Optimizing Care Transitions

Education:

Stanford University
Brown University School of Medicine
Harvard Kennedy School of Government

Background:

Amy Boutwell, M.D., M.P.P., founded Collaborative Healthcare Strategies to pursue work aligned with the opportunities created by the Affordable Care Act, the CMS Center for Innovation and the Partnership for Patients. Working at the intersection of all best practices and approaches to improve care transitions, without exclusive adherence to one particular model, Dr. Boutwell takes the best from what is known to be effective, practical and efficient in improving care transitions.

Dr. Boutwell is the co-founder of the STAAR (State Action on Avoidable Rehospitalizations) Initiative of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI). Since 2008, Dr. Boutwell has been deeply immersed in the clinical, operational, policy, payment and political aspects of approaches to reduce avoidable rehospitalizations and improve care transitions. The STAAR initiative currently engages over 150 hospitals in four states, over 500 community providers through "cross-continuum teams" and over 75 state-level public and private-sector leadership entities through state steering committees. In her former role as the co-principal investigator of the \$5 million STAAR grant at IHI, Dr. Boutwell was responsible for the state strategy, policy, clinical integrity and thought leadership for the program. As a result of her work, Dr. Boutwell has served as an expert panelist or advisor to CMS, the National Governor's Association, and the Academy Health State Quality Improvement Institute.

Dr. Boutwell serves as a senior physician consultant to the National Coordinating Center for the CMS QIO Care Transitions Theme and is thus engaged in community-based care transitions mobilization efforts in all 50 states. Additionally, Dr. Boutwell is co-leading an AHRQ-funded effort to test and adapt best practices to improve transitions to ensure applicability to the Medicaid/safety-net population. Dr. Boutwell was a founding board member of the Long Term Quality Alliance, and co-chaired the development of the Long Term Quality Alliance's Innovative Communities Initiative. She is an active advisor to health systems in the United Kingdom and the United States on designing and /or updating strategies to improve care across settings and reduce avoidable rehospitalizations.

Dr. Boutwell is a practicing physician at Newton-Wellesley Hospital, attends on the medicine teaching service at Massachusetts General Hospital and is an Instructor in medicine at Harvard Medical School.

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