

# CLIAC Outgoing Member Recognition

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# CLIAC 2023 OUTGOING MEMBERS



**Mary E. Edgerton,  
MD, PhD**



**Nirali M. Patel, MD**



**Michael A. Pentella,  
PhD, MS, SM(ASCP),  
CIC, D(ABMM)**



**R. W. (Chip) Watkins,  
MD, MPH, FAAFP**

# Mary E. Edgerton, MD, PhD

Dr. Edgerton's experience in anatomic and clinical pathology and clinical informatics, including research in data mining, bioinformatics, and mathematical modeling, provided the physician informatician perspective on various Committee discussions. Dr. Edgerton was instrumental in drafting recommendations on many topics, including laboratory data exchange and harmonization, remote selection, interpretation, and reporting of patient results, and standardization of test result communication. We thank Dr. Edgerton for her service to the Committee.



# Nirali M. Patel, MD

Dr. Patel's experience as a board-certified molecular geneticist, anatomic and clinical pathologist, and laboratory director provided a diverse perspective to many CLIAC discussions. Her experience leading and providing compliance oversight within multiple regulatory frameworks led to CLIAC recommendations on many topics, including remote selection, interpretation, and reporting of patient results, the laboratory workforce, and the role of the laboratory in diagnostic and antimicrobial stewardship. She is currently serving as the Chair of the Next Generation Sequencing Workgroup. We thank Dr. Patel for her commitment to CLIAC.



# Michael A. Pentella, PhD, MS, SM(ASCP), CIC, D(ABMM)

Dr. Pentella's experience as a board-certified medical microbiologist and expertise in biosafety in clinical and public health laboratories was very beneficial to many CLIAC topic discussions. He was instrumental in leading recommendations related to the partnership between clinical and public health laboratories, laboratory data exchange, the laboratory workforce, and laboratory training and education. He is currently serving as the Chair of the Biosafety Workgroup. We thank Dr. Pentella for his commitment to the Committee.



# R. W. (Chip) Watkins, MD, MPH, FAAFP

Dr. Watkins' experience as a physician and laboratory director, including his diverse clinical experience spanning academics, corporate, and private practice medicine, has provided the physician perspective on numerous CLIAC topics. He was instrumental in discussions to develop recommendations related to the laboratory workforce, training and education, the role of the laboratory in diagnostic and antimicrobial stewardship, and efforts to address the CLIA top ten deficiencies. We thank Dr. Watkins for his commitment to CLIAC.





# Thank you!

