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Professor Atun's research focuses on the design and implementation of health systems reforms and their impact on outcomes. His research also explores adoption and diffusion of innovations in health systems (e.g., health technologies, disease control programs, and primary healthcare reforms), and innovative financing in global health. Prof. Atun is a co-Investigator and the joint lead for the innovation work stream at the National Centre for Infection Prevention and Management at Imperial College. He is also a co-Investigator and the Theme Lead for 'Organisational Change, Sustainability and Evaluation' at Imperial College and Cambridge University Health Protection Research Unit for Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare Associated Infection. He has published widely in *The Lancet*, *PLoS Medicine*, *Lancet Infectious Diseases*, *BMJ*, *AIDS*, and *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*.

Prof. Atun has worked with several governments globally as well as the World Bank, World Health Organization, and the UK Department for International Development to design, implement and evaluate health system reform initiatives. He

has led research and consultancy projects for GSK, Pfizer Inc., the Vodafone Group, Hofmann La Roche, PA Consulting, and Tata Consulting Services.

Prof. Atun studied medicine at University of London as a Commonwealth Scholar and subsequently completed his postgraduate medical studies and master's in business administration at University of London and Imperial College London. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of General Practitioners (UK), Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health of the Royal College of Physicians (UK), and a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (UK).

Wienke Boerma, PhD, MSc

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From the early 1990s until today, Dr. Boerma has coordinated several large-scale international studies in primary care and home care. In collaboration with WHO Regional Office for Europe, he has developed evaluation instruments that have been applied in primary care in a series of countries in Europe, Central Asia and the Caribbean. His research activities have resulted in many scientific articles and other publications, and he has been an advisor in primary care reform processes in various countries.



Paul Farmer, MD, PhD

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Medical anthropologist and physician Paul Farmer has dedicated his life to improving health care for the world's poorest people. He is Co-founder and Chief Strategist of Partners In Health (PIH), an international nonprofit organization that since 1987 has provided direct health care services and undertaken research and advocacy activities on behalf of those who are sick and living in poverty. Dr. Farmer and his colleagues in the U.S. and abroad have pioneered novel community-based treatment strategies that demonstrate the delivery of high-quality health care in resource-poor settings.

Dr. Farmer holds an M.D. and Ph.D. from Harvard University, where he is the Kolokotronis University Professor and the Chair of the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School; he is also Chief of the Division of Global Health Equity at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston. Additionally, Dr. Farmer serves as the United Nations Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Community Based Medicine and Lessons from Haiti.

Dr. Farmer has written extensively on health, human rights, and the consequences of social inequality. He is the recipient of numerous honors, including the Margaret Mead Award from the American Anthropological Association, the Outstanding International Physician (Nathan Davis) Award from the American Medical Association, a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, and, with his PIH colleagues, the Hilton Humanitarian Prize. He is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Irina Gelmanova, MD, MPH

Project Consultant, Partners in Health

Dr. Gelmanova is a Project Consultant to Partners In Health's DOTS-Plus program in Tomsk oblast. She also serves as a Research Committee member for the PIH TB services and MDR TB project in Tomsk. Prior to

assuming these roles, she worked in PIH's Moscow office as Project Coordinator of the Tomsk oblast MDR TB Project. Dr. Gelmanova also has experience working in the pharmaceutical industry and spent eight months coordinating a pilot TB project with Médecins Sans Frontières in Kazakhstan. Dr. Gelmanova received her MD from Almaty State Medical Institute in Almaty, Kazakhstan. She completed her Masters in Public Health at Boston University School of Public Health.

Brian Hutchison, MD, MSc, CCFP, FCFP

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Brian Hutchison practiced comprehensive family medicine for five years in a fee-for-service group practice, followed by 25 years in a McMaster University academic family practice. He is a past Director (2002–2005) of the McMaster University Centre for Health Economics and Policy Analysis (CHEPA) and served as founding Editor-in-Chief of *Healthcare Policy* (2004–2009) and President of the Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research (2010–2011). He was the Co-Chair of the Canadian Working Group for Primary Healthcare Improvement from 2008 to 2014 and Senior Advisor for Primary Care to Health Quality Ontario from 2011 to 2014.

Dr. Hutchison held a National Health Research Scholar award from Health Canada from 1994 to 1999. He was the 2004 recipient of the Health Services Research Advancement Award presented by the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (now the Canadian Foundation for Healthcare Improvement). He received a Lifetime Achievement Award in Family Medicine Research from the College of Family Physicians of Canada in 2008. He was selected as the 2013 Hall Laureate by the Justice Emmett Hall Foundation and delivered the Emmett Hall Memorial Lecture, "From Hall to Now: Reflections on Canadian Medicare from a Primary Care Perspective," at the 2013 Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research. In 2015 he was named as one of 20 Top Pioneers of Family Medicine Research in Canada by the College of Family Physicians of Canada.

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Dr. Keshavjee has been leading the Harvard Medical School Center for Global Health Delivery—Dubai since 2014. Under his direction, the Center addresses some of the most pressing health challenges in the region by focusing on research, medical education and training that promises to improve healthcare delivery systems and patient outcomes for diseases prevalent in the United Arab Emirates, Middle East, North Africa and neighboring regions. The Center also provides opportunities for faculty and students to pursue research related to the delivery of existing or new interventions that can cure or prevent disease, specifically in the following priority areas: diabetes and obesity, infectious disease, mental health, and surgery.

With advanced training in both medicine and anthropology, Dr. Keshavjee is a leading expert in drug-resistant tuberculosis treatment and the anthropology of health policy. He is the author of *Blind Spot: How Neoliberalism Infiltrated Global Health*, which is based on his doctoral research in Central Asia (Tajikistan). He has worked extensively with the Boston-based nonprofit Partners In Health (PIH) on the treatment of drug-resistant tuberculosis. Over the last 14 years has conducted clinical and implementation research in Russia (2000–present). He was also the Deputy Director for the PIH Lesotho Initiative (2006–2008), launching one of the first community-based treatment programs for multidrug-resistant tuberculosis/HIV co-infection in sub-Saharan Africa. His research has resulted in a number of manuscripts of global clinical and policy significance.

Dr. Keshavjee has been very involved in global policy discussions around the treatment of drug-resistant tuberculosis. In 2005, he became a member of the World Health Organization/Stop TB Partnership’s Green Light Committee for MDR-TB Treatment. From 2007 to 2010, he was the committee’s chair. He has spent considerable time working on alternate mechanisms for drug procurement, technical

assistance delivery, and program implementation. In addition to acting as a consultant to a number of projects globally, Dr. Keshavjee was the co-author of an Institute of Medicine white paper on overcoming barriers to expanding treatment for MDR-TB. Dr. Keshavjee is leading an initiative at Harvard Medical School on how to achieve zero deaths from tuberculosis.

In addition to his research and policy work, Dr. Keshavjee is also an active member of the teaching faculty at Harvard. When on service as an attending physician at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Dr. Keshavjee teaches residents, interns, and medical students. He also coteaches (along with Drs. Paul Farmer, Arthur Kleinman, and Anne Becker) a general education course for undergraduates at Harvard College, and is a guest lecturer on tuberculosis and health systems for a number of courses at Harvard Medical School and the Harvard School of Public Health.

Patrick C Pietroni, DSc (Hon), FRCP, FRCGP, MFPH

*Emeritus Dean of General Practice, London University
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Professor Pietroni retired from his post as Dean of General Practice at the London University in 2001 following the re-organisation of the London Deanery. For the next three years he led an internal consultancy unit funded by the UK Department of Health, initiating and delivering several of the then national policy programmes including Patient Choice, The Expert Patient and a Mentor Support Group for National Health Service Staff including Consultants, General Practitioners, Senior Nurses and Health Service Managers.

In 2013 Professor Pietroni organised a conference in Shrewsbury entitled “Mental Health – How could we do better?” Following this conference he established a steering group of interested senior academics to explore the concept of “compassion,” its rigour and relevance in our societies. This led to a launching conference and the establishment of the Darwin Centre Trust (DCT) and the Darwin International Institute for the Study of Compassion (DIISC).

Igor M. Sheiman, PhD

Professor, Department of Health Care Administration and Economy, National Research University—Higher School of Economics

Professor Sheiman is a specialist in health policy and health finance, with interests in primary health care, integrated care, payment methods, health insurance, competition in health care. In addition to being a professor at the National Research University—Higher School of Economics, he is involved in health policy and finance projects in Russia and other countries in transition, is a consultant of WHO, World Bank, USAID, and a member of expert boards of Russian government bodies.

Sergey V. Shishkin, DrSc

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Professor Shishkin is a specialist in health policy and health finance with interests in accessibility of health care, health insurance, informal payments, and motivation of physicians. He is Director of the Center for Health Policy at the National Research University—Higher School of Economics. He is the Academic Supervisor of the Mastership Programme, 'Health Care Administration and Economics,' and a member of the expert boards of the Russian Government and the Ministry of Health. Professor Shishkin has participated in elaboration strategies of health care development for the Russian government, has been involved in health policy and finance projects in Russia and some countries in transition, and is a consultant at the WHO.

Irina Vasilyeva, DrSc

*Senior TB Physician, Russian Ministry of Health
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After graduating from the 1st Moscow Medical Institute named after Sechenov, Dr. Vasilyeva held a clinical internship in phthisiopulmonology at the

Central TB Research Institute of the Russian Academy of Medical Science (CTRI RAMS). Since 2008, she has worked as the head of the leading scientific and clinical division of CTRI where an advance center for multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB) was created. Since 2013, Dr. Vasilyeva has combined her work at CTRI with the responsibilities of the senior non-staff TB specialist of the Russian Ministry of Health.

Dr. Vasilyeva's research expertise includes various aspects of M/XDR-TB treatment, comorbidity (TB/HIV, TB, and diabetes mellitus), development of TB chemotherapy regimens based on molecular genetic methods for diagnosis of mycobacteria drug resistance, and the development of measures for the prevention of tuberculosis in patients with HIV and diabetes.

As a senior TB physician in Russia, Dr. Vasilyeva contributes significantly to solving issues with TB care management in the Russian Federation. Under her leadership, the following documents have been developed: a strategy for the development of TB care in the Russian Federation until 2020; a national plan for the prevention of M/XDR-TB and TB/HIV spread; modern approaches to drug supply and TB treatment management; and an update of legal TB documents. She has been instrumental in guiding efforts to introduce modern medical and organizational technologies to TB practice.

Vasiliy V. Vlassov, MD

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Dr. Vlassov is a specialist in epidemiology and public health, with interests in social, medical and public health interventions in the interests of the health and wellness of the population, and fairness of use of resources in health care. He is a graduate of the Military Medical Academy in St. Petersburg, and worked for years in aerospace medicine and then in a number of medical research and teaching institutions. Dr. Vlassov joined the Higher School of Economics in 2009.