

Christine K. Cassel



Christine K. Cassel, MD, President and CEO of the National Quality Forum, is a leading expert in geriatric medicine, medical ethics and quality of care. Previously, Dr. Cassel served as President and CEO of the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) and the ABIM Foundation.

Dr. Cassel is one of 20 scientists chosen by President Obama to serve on the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), which advises the President in areas where an understanding of science, technology, and innovation is key to forming responsible and effective policy. She is the co-chair and physician leader of PCAST working groups that have made recommendations to the President on issues relating to health information technology scientific innovation in drug development and evaluation, systems engineering in healthcare, and technology for an aging population.

In addition to having chaired influential Institute of Medicine (IOM) reports on end-of-life care and public health, she served on the IOM's Comparative Effective Research Committee mandated by Congress to set priorities for the national CER effort (PCORI). *Modern Healthcare* has recognized Dr. Cassel among the 100 most influential people in health care, and among the 50 most influential physicians. An active scholar and lecturer, she is the author or co-author of 14 books and more than 200 journal articles on geriatric medicine, aging, bioethics and health policy. She edited four editions of *Geriatric Medicine*, a leading textbook in the field. Her most recent book is *Medicare Matters: What Geriatric Medicine Can Teach American Health Care*.

A national leader in efforts to inspire quality care, Dr. Cassel was a founding member of the Commonwealth Fund's Commission on a High Performance Health System, and served on the IOM committees that wrote the influential reports *To Err is Human* and *Crossing the Quality Chasm*. She was appointed by President Clinton to the President's Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Health Care Industry in 1997. She has served on the board of the Greenwall Foundation since 1992, the board of the Kaiser Foundation Hospitals and Health Plans from 2012-2013, and the board of Premier from 2006-2013. She served on the editorial board of *The New England Journal of Medicine* from 1994-2000, and now on the editorial board of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (JAMA).

Dr. Cassel is also respected as a scientific leader, having served on the Advisory Committee to the NIH Director, 1995 - 2002, and as President of the American Federation for Aging Research. She is an Adjunct Professor of Medicine and Senior Fellow in the Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. Dr. Cassel's previous positions include dean of the School of Medicine and vice president for medical affairs at Oregon Health and Science University, chair of the Department of Geriatrics and Adult Development at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, and chief of General Internal Medicine at the University of Chicago.

Dr. Cassel, board certified in internal medicine and geriatric medicine, is a former Chair of the ABIM Board of Directors, and is a former President of the American College of Physicians. Recipient of numerous international awards and honorary degrees, Dr. Cassel is an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Colleges of Medicine of the U.K. and Canada, the European Federation of Internal Medicine, and is a Master of the American College of Physicians.