

Biography

Marie E. Michnich, DrPH, currently retired, was a Senior Scholar and Director of Health Policy Education Programs and Fellowships for the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine. Her career has included service as a national health policy strategist, executive consultant, and educator who brings together health and medical care experience spanning clinical practice, health services research, federal legislative service, and public policy. Most recently she served as the director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows, the NAM Anniversary Fellows, and administrator of the Food and Drug Administration Tobacco Regulatory Science Fellows, and the Distinguished Nurse Scholar-in-Residence.

During a leave of absence from the Institute of Medicine in 2007, Michnich served as the Executive Director of the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors, Co-chaired by Senator Robert Dole and Secretary Donna Shalala. The Commission evaluated and made recommendations to improve the care of injured service members from the time when they are evacuated from the battlefield up to their return to active duty or civilian life. The Commission presented a landmark report to the President recommending fundamental changes to the disability determination and compensation systems of the DoD and VA, and expansion and improvement of coordination of benefits and services for service members and their families. Report recommendations have been associated with broad policy changes in DoD and VA and several legislative proposals.

Previously, Michnich served as a Senior Executive for both the Health Policy and the Clinical Practice and Scientific Services Divisions of the American College of Cardiology. She led the areas of public and private sector health policy and quality of care, including development of clinical practice guidelines, clinical privileges, consensus statements and clinical alerts; performance and outcomes measures; clinical and data standards; research services; and scientific committee coordination and collaboration. Her accomplishments included creating nationally recognized programs and initiatives in state and federal government relations, coding and reimbursement, private sector relations, health policy research and public policy.

Michnich has received the Jacob W. Miller Award and Pinnacle award from the American Pharmacists Foundation for Outstanding Leadership in Health Policy and the American Academy of Nursing Civitas Award for Distinguished Service. She was selected as one of 15 Disruptive Women to Watch in 2015. She has served on the Boards of the American Pharmacist Associations Foundation and Providence Hospital in Washington, DC where she also chaired the Quality and Patient Safety Committee and the National Center for Healthcare Leadership. She is a member of the Board of Pharmacy Specialties.

Marie Michnich holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Connecticut and a Doctorate in Public Health from the University of California at Los Angeles.