

## **Dr. Steven Clauser**

### **Brief Biographical Sketch**

Dr. Steven Clauser is Chief of the Outcomes Research Branch in the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences, Applied Research Program. He also serves as co-director of the NCI Community Cancer Centers Program (NCCCP). Dr. Clauser directs NCI's research program in outcomes research and in quality of cancer care research. He has a wide range of research interests, including patient experience with care, health-related quality of life of cancer patients and survivors, patterns of care analysis, and the evaluation of cancer care delivery programs. Steve came to NCI in 2003 as a Senior Scientist and served as program director for the Cancer Quality Measures Initiative, for which he received an NIH Merit Award in 2008. He assumed his position as Chief of the Outcomes Research Branch in 2006 and has directed the development of several patient reported outcomes measurement initiatives, including NCI's participation in the Patient Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System Common Fund initiative, the Patient Reported Outcomes version of the Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Event Reporting, and the development of the cancer version of the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) survey. He also served as evaluation officer for the NCCCP Pilot program.

Prior to coming to NCI, Dr. Clauser served in a variety of management and policy research positions in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, and the American Medical Association. He received several DHHS and private sector advisory committee assignments and awards for his work in developing and implementing performance measurement systems in managed care organizations, hospitals, nursing homes, and home health care agencies.

In his current position, Dr. Clauser chairs NCI's Quality of Cancer Care Committee which includes representatives from 10 federal agencies to develop collaborative projects to put science into practice in federal health programs. He also serves on the NIH Common Fund PROMIS Steering Committee and is leading the development of several cancer registry outcomes-based national surveillance systems, including the SEER-Medicare Health Outcomes Survey and the SEER-CAHPS. Dr. Clauser has received two NIH Directors Awards and several NIH Merit awards for his work in cancer research, and has over 50 peer-reviewed publications. He received his training in health services research from the University of Minnesota.