

Ronald J. Kulich, PhD

Dr. Kulich has been involved with management, delivery, and promotion of access to care for more than 30 years. He was appointed to the Health Care Services Board September 7, 2018 and serves as the Hospital Administrator Representative.

Dr. Kulich received his MS in quantitative methods at Purdue University with a focus on consumer behavior, as well as a PhD at Purdue Department of Psychological Sciences. He developed and managed multiple pain facilities since the onset of his career, both in community hospital and academic medical settings. Dr. Kulich co-authored the book *Managed Care and Pain* in 2001, a summary of the American Pain Society's national study on managed care, and has over 100 academic publications. He now manages the controlled substances initiative and is a Full Professor at Tufts School of Dental Medicine, and holds a Lecturer appointment at Harvard-MGH, Department of Anesthesia, Critical Care and Pain Medicine. His responsibilities include development and management of opioid risk assessment protocols for the Massachusetts General Hospital Pain Center and the Facial Pain/Headache Center at Tufts School of Dental Medicine. His other responsibilities include working with treatment guideline development for the Massachusetts Department of Industrial Accidents, membership in the State Police training committee for the MA Prescription Monitoring Program, involvement in multiple opioid risk guideline committees, and he has been co-chair of the Massachusetts Governor's Committee for the Curriculum on Substance Abuse assessment for dentistry. His most recent studies address issues of risk mitigation through the delivery of comprehensive pain services. He lectures nationally on access to care, patient adherence, and risk mitigation, most recently reporting on studies addressing cannabis and pain, as well as the impact of high frequency neurostimulation on healthcare utilization, pain, and patient function.