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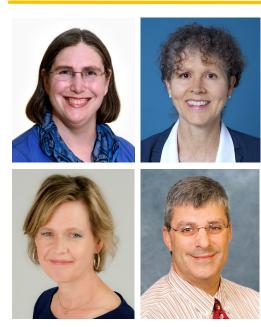
## **CLOSING THE LOOP**

In order for acupuncture research to reach its full potential, research findings need not only to inform "best" clinical practice, but also inform decisions made by policy makers and third-party payers regarding insurance reimbursement.

### SAR's 2019 International Research Conference will:

- 1) Continue to provide an international forum for researchers to clarify, strengthen and disseminate the evidence base and shape the future acupuncture research agenda.
- 2) Close the information "loop" between acupuncture researchers, clinicians, policy makers and third-party payers.

### **Plenary Speakers**



- Paula Gardiner, MD, MPH
   Associate Director of Research, Dept. of Family Medicine and Community Health, UMass Memorial Medical Center
- Patricia Herman, ND, PhD, Senior Behavioral Scientist, RAND Corporation, Pardee RAND Graduate School
- Lynn DeBar, PhD, MPH Senior Scientist, Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute
- Joshua Plavin, MD, MPH
   Vice President
   & Chief Medical Officer,
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