

## **Lynne Jones Batshon Biography**

My name is Lynne Jones Batshon and I am the Director of Policy & Practice for the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA). I am responsible for executing SHEA's policy agenda which encompasses executive and legislative branch health policy and accreditation standards for healthcare facilities. I have served on the Coalition for Health Funding (CHF) board since 2020.

The scope of SHEA's policy agenda covers:

- preventing the transmission of infectious diseases wherever healthcare is delivered
- promoting the judicious use of antibiotics
- advocacy for robust funding for research in improving the quality of healthcare delivery and patient safety
- support for modernizing healthcare data collection and surveillance capabilities for infectious diseases

Membership in the Coalition for Health Funding plays an integral role in advancing SHEA's policy priorities. Our professional society is small, representing only 2,000 clinicians and researchers. Our membership is not evenly distributed across states and territories, making it difficult to influence legislative branch health policy through constituency representation. The coalition extends SHEA's advocacy reach in the legislative branch to advance our long-range legislative priorities. It has been an invaluable resource and serves as a venue for developing partnerships with other organizations with similar policy goals.

My service on the CHF brings to the table the perspective of a small, specialty professional society. My viewpoints help identify value-added attributes that can help grow and retain CHF members.

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More about Lynne Batshon:

Lynne oversees and executes the activities that define the society's legislative and regulatory agendas. She established and manages SHEA's grassroots program. Lynne serves as the primary staff liaison to the Public Policy & Government Affairs Committee, the Research Committee and the Quality Measures Task Force. She is an external liaison to a number of stakeholder organizations involved in infectious diseases, public health, healthcare delivery quality and other health policy issues. She also provides SHEA's leadership with strategic guidance for executing SHEA's policy initiatives and related messaging. Prior to SHEA, Lynne served as the Director of Policy & Advocacy for the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists where she was responsible for overseeing the society's policy agenda and grassroots program. She was also the director of the ASCP Political Action Committee. Lynne

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also previously worked for the Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates (SOCMA) where she managed chemical policy issues for specialty chemical manufacturers. She represented active pharmaceutical ingredients manufacturers on issues related to drug ingredient quality and drug import safety. Lynne holds a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies with a concentration in Economics from Allegheny College.