

**Virginia Public Guardian & Conservator Program**  
**2020 Virtual Statewide Training Presenters**

**Session II: Thursday, November 5, 2020**

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Dr. Oberlender is a 1976 graduate of LaSalle College and a 1980 graduate of Hahnemann Medical College, both in Philadelphia, PA. After a year of internship in Roanoke he spent 2 years as a general practitioner in a remote southwestern Virginia mountain community. He returned to Roanoke and completed Internal Medicine residency at the University of Virginia Affiliated Program. In 1985, he joined the faculty at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Salem, Virginia where he served as Chief of Geriatric Medicine from 1990 until 2003 and Associate Chief of Staff for Education from 2003 to 2006. During his tenure at the VA, Dr. Oberlender established and directed the Geriatric Evaluation Unit (GEU) and coordinated the Risk Management Program for the Department of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Oberlender retired from the VA in 2006 and started a private consultative practice of Geriatric Medicine where he provides comprehensive in-home geriatric evaluations and independent medical evaluations of decision-making capacity. His practice is based in Roanoke with services available throughout Virginia and North Carolina.

Dr. Oberlender is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Geriatric Medicine and he is an elected Fellow of the American College of Physicians. Since 2008, Dr. Oberlender has served as an active member of the Multi-disciplinary Guardianship Review Panel at Family Service of Roanoke Valley. Website: [www.SeniorEvaluations.com](http://www.SeniorEvaluations.com)

**Barbara Pratt**

Barbara has 30 years' experience working with Virginia Beach Adult Protective Services. For 20 years she worked as a Trainer for Virginia Department of Social Services for multiple program areas including APS, Child Welfare, Management and supervision courses. Barbara spent 5 years with the Department for Aging and Rehabilitation Services (DARS) as a Curriculum Developer and Trainer for Adult Protective Service. She has been in her current position 1 ½ years with Jewish Family Service of Tidewater in Quality Assurance.