

**THE COMMONWEALTH FUND
2015 INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON HEALTH CARE POLICY**

**“Achieving a High Performing and Sustainable Health Care System:
Policies and Strategies to Bend the Cost Curve”**

**The St. Regis Hotel
Sixteenth and K Streets, NW
Washington, D.C.
December 7-9, 2015**

FINAL AGENDA

Monday, December 7

6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Reception in the State Salon

7:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Dinner in the Astor Ballroom

Welcome and Opening Remarks

David Blumenthal, President, The Commonwealth Fund

Opening Keynote Address

“A Vision for a High Performing and Sustainable Health Care System”

Simon Stevens, Chief Executive, NHS England

Dinner

Tuesday, December 8

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Health Ministers’ Private Breakfasts with Harkness Fellows

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast in the Chandelier Room

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Astor Ballroom

Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Alan Weil, Health Affairs

Presentation of the 2015 International Health Policy Survey of Primary Care Doctors

Robin Osborn and Eric C. Schneider, The Commonwealth Fund

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Astor Ballroom

Policy Roundtable I: “Primary Care as a Driver of a High Performing Health Care System – Discussion of the 2015 International Survey Findings and Country Policy Contexts”

Moderator: *Alan Weil, Health Affairs*

Dr. Arnold Epstein, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Policy, United States

Mr. Simon Stevens, Chief Executive, NHS England

The Honorable Pascal Strupler, Secretary of State for Health, Switzerland

The Honorable Martin Bowles PSM, Secretary of Health, Australia

Professor Loïc Guillevin, Board Member, Haute Autorité de Santé, France

The Honorable Annette Widmann-Mauz, Parliamentary State Secretary for Health, Germany

Mr. Chai Chuah, Director-General, Ministry of Health, New Zealand

Ms. Nancy Naylor, Associate Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Ontario

Mr. Fredrik Lennartsson, Executive Director, Agency for Health and Care Services Analysis, Sweden

Professor Magne Nylenna, Director, Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services

Discussion

Tuesday, December 8 (continued)
St. Regis Hotel

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Coffee Break in the State Salon

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Astor Ballroom

Policy Roundtable II: “Re-Thinking the Health Care System For High-Need, High-Cost Patients, Value, and Sustainability”

Moderator: *David Blumenthal*, The Commonwealth Fund

The Honorable Richard G. Frank, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, United States

The Honorable Annette Widmann-Mauz, Parliamentary State Secretary for Health, Germany

The Honorable Pascal Strupler, Secretary of State for Health, Switzerland

The Honorable Martin Bowles PSM, Secretary of Health, Australia

Mr. Chai Chuah, Director-General, Ministry of Health, New Zealand

Discussion

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Private Working Lunch for Health Ministers in the State Salon to be hosted by Deputy Secretary Mary K. Wakefield, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch in the Chandelier Room

1:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Astor Ballroom

Panel I. National Health Policy Aimed at Bending the Cost Curve: What Works and What Doesn't?

Moderator: *Gail R. Wilensky*, Project HOPE

Speakers: *Elias A. Mossialos*, London School of Economics, *Elizabeth H. Bradley*, Yale University, *Peter C. Smith*, Imperial College London

Discussants: *Richard Doornbosch*, Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, *Jennifer Dixon*, The Health Foundation

Discussion

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Coffee Break in the State Salon

Tuesday, December 8 (continued)
The St. Regis Hotel

3:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
Astor Ballroom

Panel II. Getting Value for Money: The Challenge of Eliminating Low Value Care
Moderator: *Christof Veit*, German Institute for Quality Assurance and Transparency in Healthcare

Speaker: *Reinhard Busse*, Berlin Institute of Technology

Discussants: *Isabelle Durand-Zaleski*, l'URC ECO Ile-De-France, *Adam Elshaug*, University of Sydney, *Wendy Levinson*, University of Toronto, *Kalipso Chalkidou*, NICE International

Discussion

6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Reception in the State Salon

7:15 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Dinner in the Astor Ballroom

John M. Eisenberg, M.D., International Lecture

“How Israel is Achieving Value in Health Care”

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Arnon Afek

Former Director-General of Health, Israel

Introduced by *Robin Osborn*, The Commonwealth Fund

Wednesday, December 9
Astor Ballroom

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast in the Chandelier Room

8:30 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.
Astor Ballroom

Welcome and Introductory Comments

Robin Osborn, The Commonwealth Fund

8:40 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Astor Ballroom

Panel III. Frugal Innovation: Learning from Around the World

Moderator: *Lord Ara Darzi*, Imperial College London

Speakers:

Chandy Abraham, Narayana Hrudayala Hospital, India, and Health City Cayman Islands

Pedro Yrigoyen, Medicall Home Mexico and ConsejoSano

Joyce Kingori, BasicNeeds, Kenya

Antonio Ribas, *Betina Durovni*, Community Health Workers, Brazil

James Low, GeriCare Singapore

Discussion

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Break in the State Salon

Wednesday, December 9 (continued)
The St. Regis Hotel

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Astor Ballroom

Policy Roundtable III: Adopting “Frugal Innovation” from Around the World

Moderator: *Lord Ara Darzi*, Imperial College London

Speakers: *Krishna Udayakumar*, Duke University and *Matthew S. Prime*, Imperial College London

Discussants: *The Hon. Pascal Strupler*, Switzerland, *Ross Wilson*, NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation, *David B. Pryor*, Ascension, *Mark McClellan*, Brookings Institution

Discussion

12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Donald B. Moulds, The Commonwealth Fund

12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch in the Chandelier Room