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**G. ROSS BAKER** is professor in the Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto where he teaches and conducts research on quality improvement, patient safety and organizational change. In addition to this position, Baker co-chairs a working group on methods and measures for patient safety for WHO and chairs the Advisory Committee on Research and Evaluation for the Canadian Patient Safety Institute. He also serves as chair of the Measurement Working Group and as a member of the Steering Committee for the Safer Healthcare Now! campaign (the Canadian adaptation of the U.S. “100,000 Lives” initiative). Baker is an active member on the boards of several organizations and health councils, including the Health Quality Council of Saskatchewan, the Institute for Safe Medication Practice (ISMP) Canada, and the Clinical Standards, Guidelines and Quality Committee of Cancer Care Ontario. His current research focuses on the governance of patient safety activities in Australia, New Zealand, England and the United States, and he is currently leading a project analyzing five high performing health care systems that have been successful in using improvement tools and knowledge to transform outcomes. Lessons learned from these detailed case studies will guide system leaders in the development of a strategic focus in quality, the identification of investments in improvement capability, and the development of a set of resources that regions and organizations can use to assess and develop capabilities locally. Baker was also principal investigator for the project “Adverse Events in Canadian Hospitals” and together with Peter Norton and a team of investigators across Canada published the results of the study in the *Canadian Medical Association Journal* in 2004.

**DONALD M. BERWICK, M.D.**, is president and CEO of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) and clinical professor of pediatrics and health care policy in the Department of Pediatrics at the Harvard Medical School and professor of health policy and management at the Harvard School of Public Health. He is also a pediatrician, adjunct staff, in the Department of Medicine at Boston's Children's Hospital, a consultant in pediatrics at Massachusetts General Hospital, and senior scientist in the Department of Social Medicine and Health Inequalities at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Berwick was chair of the Health Services Research Review Study Section of the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research from 1995-1999, and chair of the National Advisory Council of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality from 1999-2001. He was vice chair of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force from 1990-1996. From 1996-1999, Berwick served as the first "Independent Member" of the Board of Trustees of the American Hospital Association. He also served from 1989-1991 as a member of the Panel of Judges for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award program. He is a member of several editorial boards, including that of *Journal of American Medical Association (JAMA)*. From 1987-1991, Berwick was co-founder and co-principal investigator for the National Demonstration Project on Quality Improvement in Health Care (NDP). He is a past president of the International Society for Medical Decision-Making. He is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) of the National Academy of Sciences, and since 2002 has served on the IOM's governing council and is a member of the IOM's Global Health Board. Berwick was appointed by President Clinton to serve on the Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Healthcare Industry in 1997 and 1998. Berwick has published over 130 scientific articles in numerous professional journals on subjects relating to health care policy, decision analysis, technology assessment, and health care quality management. Books he has co-authored include *Curing Health Care; New Rules: Regulation, Markets and the Quality of American Health Care*; and *Cholesterol, Children, and Heart Disease: An Analysis of Alternatives*. Berwick has received numerous awards and honors for his work, including the 1999 Ernest Amory Codman Award, and, in 2001, the first Alfred I. DuPont Award for excellence in children's health care from Nemours, one of the nation's largest pediatric health care provider organizations. In 2002, he was given the "Award of Honor" from the American Hospital Association for outstanding leadership in improving health care quality, and in 2004 he was inducted as a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in London. In 2005, he was appointed honorary Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, and in 2006 he received from the National Quality Forum and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations the John M. Eisenberg Patient Safety and Quality Award for Individual Achievement. Berwick was also recently awarded the prestigious Heinz Award, the Purpose Prize, and the William B. Graham Prize for Health Services Research. A *summa cum laude* graduate of Harvard College, Dr. Berwick holds an M.P.P. from the John F. Kennedy School of Government and an M.D. *cum laude* from the Harvard Medical School.

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**TSUNG-MEI CHENG** is the executive editor and host of *International Forum*, a Princeton University television program on international affairs. The program explores political, economic, security, development and social issues around the globe. Cheng was an adviser in 2003 to the Strategic Review Board of the Science and Technology Advisory Group (STAG), a body charged with advising the Office of the Premier of Taiwan, the Republic of China on the development of science and technology. Cheng's most recent published work in health care policy include a paper on Taiwan's national health insurance system (*Health Affairs*, May/June, 2003); a paper on the quality of health care in Taiwan and a paper, co-authored with Uwe E. Reinhardt, entitled "Economic Challenges for Catholic Health Care: Identifying the Trade-Off Frontiers Where Economics Meets Ethics." In 1993, Cheng co-founded, with Uwe E. Reinhardt of Princeton University and *Health Affairs*, the Princeton Conference, an ongoing annual national conference on health policy that brings together the U.S. Congress, government and the research

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**CAROLYN M. CLANCY, M.D.**, serves as director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). Prior to this appointment on February 5, 2003, Clancy served as AHRQ's acting director since March 2002 and previously was director of the AHRQ's Center for Outcomes and Effectiveness Research (COER). Clancy, a general internist and health services researcher, has research interests that include women's health, primary care, access to care, and the impact of financial incentives on physicians' decisions. Active in multiple professional organizations, Clancy has been recognized as a leader within the Society of General Internal Medicine, is a member of The Commonwealth Fund's Coordinating Committee for its International Program in Health Policy and Practice, and is a member of the Institute of Medicine. Clancy also holds an academic appointment as clinical associate professor in the Department of Medicine at George Washington University School of Medicine and serves as senior associate editor of *Health Services Research*. She is a member of several editorial boards, including the *American Journal of Medical Quality*, *Annals of Family Medicine*, and *Medical Care and Research Review*, and has published widely in peer-reviewed journals and edited or contributed to seven books. Following clinical training in internal medicine, Clancy was a Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania. She was also assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the Medical College of Virginia prior to joining AHRQ (then named the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research) in 1990. She was elected a Master of the American College of Physicians in 2004 and is a graduate of Boston College and the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

**THE HONORABLE TONY CLEMENT** is Minister of Health and Minister for the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario (FedNor). Minister Clement is also the chair of the Environment and Energy Security Committee and former chair of the Social Affairs Committee of the Cabinet. Prior to Clement's election to the House of Commons in 2006 (representing Parry Sound-Muskoka), Clement was a member of Ontario's provincial legislature from 1995-2003. In 1997, he was appointed Minister of Transportation. In 1999, he became Minister of Environment and later, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. In 2001, he was appointed Minister of Health and Long Term Care. As Ontario's Health Minister, he was responsible for a ministry with a 28 billion dollar budget. He initiated primary care reform, created the successful Telehealth system, oversaw the expansion of the hospital system and provided leadership for the country during SARS. Prior to his election, Clement was counsel to a national law firm, a Visiting Fellow at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law and was a small business owner. He holds a B.A. in political science and a law degree from the University of Toronto.

**KAREN SCOTT COLLINS, M.D.**, joined New York Presbyterian Hospital in August 2007 as vice president of quality and patient safety. In this position, she will be responsible for developing and leading clinical quality improvement and patient safety work across the five hospital campuses of the Columbia and Cornell Medical Schools. Immediately prior to this, she served as deputy chief medical officer for the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC), where she was responsible for initiatives in quality of care. Collins developed and oversaw the Office of Health Care Quality Improvement and Innovation, which led corporate-wide work to expand quality improvement skills and improve patient outcomes. She has developed and led corporate-wide quality improvement initiatives in chronic disease management, critical care, and rapid response teams, and has also led corporate strategies for delivering care to a culturally and linguistically diverse patient population. Through this work, Collins has been recognized for her experience and expertise in leading large health system change to improve quality and patient safety. Prior to joining HHC, Collins was vice president at The Commonwealth Fund, responsible for developing the Fund's program on Quality of Care for Underserved Populations, with a focus on minority and low income populations. She also had leadership roles in developing programs focused on improving the quality of healthcare received by low income young children and their families, and the Fund's Fellowship program in Minority Health Policy. During her nine year tenure at the Fund, Collins worked extensively on issues of women's health, access to care, and quality of care. In addition, she was actively involved in the development and analysis of Fund surveys on these issues. Collins has published articles and reports on trends and experiences with managed care, women's health, adolescent health and minority health. She is the co-editor of two books, *Women's Health: The Commonwealth Fund Survey*, and *Minority Health in America*. In April 2002, Dr. Collins

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**JOHN E. CRAIG, JR.**, executive vice president and chief operating officer of The Commonwealth Fund, is responsible for the management of the foundation's endowment and administration and also serves as the Fund's treasurer and corporate secretary. He chairs staff program plan and board proposal review meetings and oversees assessments of the performance of programs and completed grants. Craig is chairman of the Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York City and also serves on the boards of the Greenwall Foundation and the Women's Prison Association, as well as on the investment committee of the Social Sciences Research Council. Earlier, he was chairman of the board of the Investment Fund for Foundations and a member of the board of the Picker Institute. Prior to joining the Fund in 1981, he directed the John A. Hartford Foundation's health care reform program, and earlier was a Foreign Service reserve officer of the U.S. Agency for International Development. Craig writes regularly on foundation endowment investment and management issues.

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**LORD ARA DARZI, KBE, M.D., Hon.FREng, FmedSci., FRCS, FRCSI, FACS, FRCPSG, FGCI**, is Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at England's Department of Health. In addition to his position with the Department of Health, he holds the Paul Hamlyn Chair of Surgery at Imperial College London, where he and his team are respected internationally for their innovative work in the advancement of minimal invasive surgery, and in the development and use of allied technologies including surgical robots and image guided surgery. Lord Darzi also is an honorary consultant at St Mary's Hospital and The Royal Marsden. Lord Darzi and his team have been awarded many prizes, including the Queen's Anniversary Prize for Excellence in Higher and Further Education in 2001 in recognition for pioneering new technologies to address training requirements for trainee surgeons, surgeons in post and other professionals. In 2002, Lord Darzi was knighted by the Queen as a Knight Commander of the most excellent Order of the British Empire (KBE) for his service to medicine and surgery. On July 4, 2007, the Prime Minister and Health Secretary announced that Lord Darzi would lead a review of the NHS that would advise on how to meet the challenges of delivering health care over the next decade.

**PHILIP DAVIES** joined the Australian Government's Department of Health and Ageing as a deputy secretary in 2002 and brings to the role more than 25 years' international experience in health care policy and management. As a member of the Department's Executive he has had responsibility for policy development and program management in a variety of areas including medical and pharmaceutical benefits, health workforce, e-health, rural health, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and private health insurance. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Health Services Research Association of Australia and New Zealand, he served on the Board of the National Blood Authority and chaired the Australian Government's Gene Technology Standing Committee. In December 2005, Davies was also appointed as transitional director of the Joint Agency Establishment Group tasked with setting up the proposed Australia New Zealand Therapeutic Products Authority. After graduating in mathematics, Davies worked for five years with the Department of Health and Social Security in London before joining Coopers and Lybrand (now PricewaterhouseCoopers) as a health care management consultant. In 1991 he transferred to Auckland, New Zealand and in 1995 he became a partner in the firm's consultancy practice in Christchurch, New Zealand. In 1997 Davies joined the New Zealand Ministry of Health as a deputy director-general, leading the development of policy and legislation underpinning the most recent reorganization of New Zealand's health system in 2000. He then spent 18 months as a senior health economist with WHO in Geneva before moving to Australia. Davies holds a master's degree in management science and operational research. He is also an honorary fellow of the Health Services Research Centre at the Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, and has provided consultancy advice on health policy to the World Bank and WHO.

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**KAREN DAVIS** is president of The Commonwealth Fund, a national philanthropy engaged in independent research on health and social policy issues. Davis assumed the presidency of the fourth-oldest private foundation in the country on January 1, 1995. Established by Anna M. Harkness in 1918 with the broad charge to enhance the common good, the Fund seeks ways to help Americans live healthy and productive lives, giving special attention to those groups with serious and neglected problems. Davis is a nationally recognized economist, with a distinguished career in public policy and research. Before joining the Fund, she served as chairman of the Department of Health Policy and Management at The Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, where she also held an appointment as professor of economics. She served as deputy assistant secretary for health policy in the Department of Health and Human Services from 1977–1980, and was the first woman to head a U.S. Public Health Service agency. Prior to her government career, Davis was a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C., a visiting lecturer at Harvard University, and an assistant professor of economics at Rice University. A native of Oklahoma, she received her Ph.D. in economics from Rice University, which recognized her achievements with a Distinguished Alumna Award in 1991. Davis is the recipient of the 2000 Baxter-Allegiance Foundation Prize for Health Services Research. In the spring of 2001, Davis received an honorary doctorate in humane letters from John Hopkins University. In 2006, she was selected for the AcademyHealth Distinguished Investigator Award for significant and lasting contributions to the field of health services research. In October 2007, Davis was awarded the prestigious Adam Yarmolinsky Medal from the Institute of Medicine. Davis has published a number of significant books, monographs, and articles on health and social policy issues, including the landmark books *Health Care Cost Containment*, *Medicare Policy*, *National Health Insurance: Benefits, Costs, and Consequences*, and *Health and the War on Poverty*. She serves on the Overseer's Committee to Visit the School of Public Health, Harvard University; the Board of Visitors of Columbia University, School of Nursing, and is on the Board of Directors of the Geisinger Health System. She was elected to the Institute of Medicine in 1975, has served two terms on the IOM governing Council (1986-1990 and 1997-2000), and is a member of the IOM Committee on Redesigning Health Insurance Benefits, Payment and Performance Improvement Programs. She is a past president of AcademyHealth (formerly AHSRHP) and an AcademyHealth distinguished fellow; a member of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured and a former member of the Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research (AHRQ) National Advisory Committee.

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**THE HONORABLE MALU DREYER** is Minister of Labour, Social Affairs, Health Care, Family and Women of the German federal state Rhineland-Palatinate. In 1981 she began her studies of law. After passing the first German state examination in 1987, Dreyer finished her academic education with the second state examination in 1990. From 1989-1991 she worked as a scientific assistant to Prof. Dr. Pflug at the University of Mainz. In 1991 she was appointed probationary judge combined with the assignment of state attorney in the city of Bad Kreuznach. In 1992 she joined the parliamentary scientific staff of the local parliament ("Landtag") of the German Land Rhineland-Palatinate. From 1995-1997 she held the office of mayor of Bad Kreuznach. Afterwards she became departmental head in the office for youth welfare and social affairs in Mainz. Since March 2002 she has been the head of the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health Care, Family and Women of Rhineland-Palatinate.

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**THE HONORABLE MICHAEL O. LEAVITT** was sworn in as the 20th Secretary of Health and Human Services on January 26, 2005. As Secretary, he leads the Nation's efforts to protect the health of all Americans and provide essential human services to those in need. He manages one of the largest civilian departments in the federal government, with more than 67,000 employees and a budget that accounts for almost one out of every four federal dollars. During his first year, he led efforts to successfully enroll tens of millions of seniors and disabled persons in the new Medicare prescription drug benefit; mobilized the nation's pandemic preparedness; accelerated the development of health information technology standards and oversaw the medical response to Hurricane Katrina. He presided over changes in Medicaid statutes to give states flexibility to provide targeted insurance coverage to more people, and worked with Congress to pass the reauthorization of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families. During his second year, Leavitt spearheaded the Nation's Health Diplomacy initiative aimed at improving the health of Central Americans and bringing the countries of North and Central America closer together. He also organized a nationwide campaign to transform the Nation's health care sector into a value-driven health care system. He is intensely focused on making health care more transparent in quality and price, and reducing the time and expense of bringing safe and effective drugs to market. Prior to his current service, Leavitt was head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and served three terms as Governor of Utah. During his eleven years as Governor, Utah was recognized six times as one of America's best managed states. He was chosen by his peers as Chairman of the National Governors Association, Western Governors Association and Republican Governors. Prior to his public service, Leavitt served as president and chief executive officer of a regional insurance firm, establishing it as one of the top insurance brokers in America. He is married to Jacalyn S. Leavitt; they are the parents of five children.

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**MICHAEL RICHARDS, CBE, M.D., FRCP, FFPH, FRCPath (Hon), FRCR(Hon)**, was appointed as the first National Cancer Director of England's Department of Health in October 1999. In 2000, he led the development of the NHS Cancer Plan, the first comprehensive strategy to tackle cancer in England and since then has been responsible for overseeing its implementation. He works closely with ministers, parliamentarians, civil servants, clinicians, managers, patient groups, charities, researchers and industry to achieve the objectives of the plan. Prior to his appointment to the Department of Health, Richards was the Sainsbury Professor of Palliative Medicine at St Thomas's Hospital (1995-1999) and a consultant medical oncologist at Guy's Hospital, specializing in breast cancer (1986-1995). He was also clinical director of cancer services at Guy's and St Thomas's Hospitals from 1993-1999. In 2001, he was appointed CBE in the New Year's honours and was awarded the Hambro Macmillan Fellowship for his contribution to cancer services in 2003. Richards was closely involved in the establishment of the National Cancer Research Institute (NCRI) in 2001 and has been a board member throughout its first five years. In April 2006, he became chairman of the NCRI Board in addition to his role as National Cancer Director.

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**THE HONORABLE ULLA SCHMIDT** was appointed Federal Minister of Health for Germany on January 18, 2001, appointed first Federal Minister of Health and Social Security on October 22, 2002, and since November 22, 2005, served as the Federal Minister of Health. Schmidt has been a member of the Social Democratic Party (SPD) since 1983. In addition, she is a member of the IG Bergbau, Chemie und Energie (the Miners', Chemical and Power Plant Workers' Union), the Arbeiterwohlfahrt (Workers' Welfare Association), the Kinderschutzbund (Child Protection Association) and the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (Workers' Samaritan Organization). Her social involvement and commitment to social policy have been consistent features throughout her entire career. In 1968 she completed Abitur (school-leaving and university entrance qualification) at the Städtisches Einhardgymnasium in Aachen. Until 1976 she studied psychology at the Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule in Aachen, as well as studied at the Pädagogische Hochschule in Aachen as a teacher for primary and lower secondary schools, student teacher at the study seminar in Aachen for primary and lower secondary schools. From 1976-1985, she served as a teacher at the school for slow learners in Stolberg and during this time (from 1980-1984) studied at and graduated from the Open University of Hagen as a teacher for the instruction of slow learners and rehabilitation of maladjusted pupils. From 1985-1990, she was a teacher at the school for remedial teaching in the county of Aachen, Department for Integration, while also serving as a member of the local staff council, the district staff council and the joint staff council for teachers at special schools at the Ministry for Education and Cultural Affairs of the Land of North Rhine-Westphalia. Since 1983, Schmidt has been a member of the SPD and performed various functions on the local and supralocal party level, such as chairperson of the local branch of Richterich (area of Aachen), member of the executive committee of the Aachen subdistrict, member of the SPD party council, town councillor of Aachen, spokesperson on housing policy of the Aachen SPD Group, vice chairperson of the SPD subdistrict Aachen-Stadt. Since 1990 she has been a member of the German Bundestag. Until her appointment as the Federal Minister of Health, Schmidt performed a wide range of activities in various bodies, such as member of the Managing Board of the SPD parliamentary group; chairperson of the working group set up by the SPD parliamentary group in the Bundestag on the equality of women and men; deputy member of the Committee on Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth; deputy member of the Committee on Labour and Social Affairs; first substitute and then regular member of the Mediation Committee; spokesperson of the project group entitled "Family Policy in the 21st Century;" spokesperson of the ad hoc working group on 'Sexual Violence against Children;" representative of the SPD in the ZDF (Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen) television council; and deputy chairperson of the SPD parliamentary group for the areas of Labour and Social Affairs, Women, Families and Senior Citizens.

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