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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

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. Welcome and Introductory Remarks
Astor Ballroom
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. 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”
Astor Ballroom
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.  Policy Roundtable II: “Re-Thinking the Health Care System For High-Need, High-Cost Patients, Value, and Sustainability”
Astor Ballroom
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.  Panel I. National Health Policy Aimed at Bending the Cost Curve: What Works and What Doesn’t?
Astor Ballroom
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)
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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.
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)
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11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  Policy Roundtable III: Adopting “Frugal Innovation” from Around the World
Astor Ballroom  
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