

**THE COMMONWEALTH FUND
2017 INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON HEALTH CARE POLICY**

“The Health Care System of the Future- What Does It look Like and How Do We Get There?”

**The St. Regis Hotel
Sixteenth and K Streets, NW
Washington, D.C.
November 15-17, 2017
DRAFT AGENDA**

Wednesday, November 15

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

Minister’s Opening Keynote Address:

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

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

Introduced by *David Blumenthal, President, The Commonwealth Fund*

Thursday, November 16

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast in the George Washington Room

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Ministers’ Breakfasts with Harkness Fellows in Health Care Policy and Practice

**8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Astor Ballroom**

Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Alan Weil, Editor-in-Chief, Health Affairs

Presentation of the 2017 International Health Policy Survey of Older Adults in 11 Countries

Robin Osborn, The Commonwealth Fund

**9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Astor Ballroom**

Ministers’ Policy Roundtable I:

“Reflections on the 2017 International Survey Findings in the Context of Country Policy Agendas and Priorities”

Moderator: *Alan Weil, Health Affairs*

Simon Kennedy, Deputy Minister of Health, Canada

Lord Ara Darzi, Imperial College London

Martin Bowles, PSM, National CEO Calvary Health Care (former Secretary of Health), Australia

Ms. Cecilia Halle, Head of Public Health and Health Division, Sweden

Discussion

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Coffee Break in the State Salon

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

**Ministers' Policy Roundtable II:
"Reflections on the 2017 International Survey Findings in the Context of Country Policy
Agendas and Priorities"**

Moderator: *Alan Weil, Health Affairs*

The Hon Pascal Strupler, Secretary of State for Health, Switzerland
The Hon Anne Grethe Erlandsen, State Secretary for Health, Norway
Mr. Herbert Barnard, Director of International Health Policy, The Netherlands
Mr. Thomas Renner, Head of Division, Health Policy, Financing and Statistics, Germany
Ms. Alison Thom, Maori Leadership, Ministry of Health, New Zealand

Discussion

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

**Private Working Lunch for Ministers in the State Salon to be hosted by Dr. Don Wright,
Acting Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services**

Lunch in the George Washington Room

1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Panel I: Medical Breakthroughs: What are the Possible Game-Changers in the Near Future?

What medical and technological breakthroughs are on the horizon that could dramatically alter the course for those conditions with the highest disease burden? What might change for heart disease, cancer, diabetes, obesity, dementia? What are the implications for prevention, early detection and treatment? For costs?

Moderator: *Lord Ara Darzi, Imperial College London*

Keynote Speaker: *Victor J. Dzau, M.D.*
President
National Academy of Medicine

Panel: *Henry Brodaty, Centre for Healthy Brain Ageing, University of New South Wales*
Charles Coombes, The Imperial CRUK Cancer Centre, Imperial College London

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Coffee Break in the State Salon

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Panel II. Climate Change and Sustainability: What are the Implications for Health Care?

How will climate change affect health care systems and how will health care systems respond to its impacts, such as, the shifting burden of disease, migration, heat waves, and the growing prevalence of natural disasters? What is the business case for climate resilient health care? How can transitioning from fossil fuels to clean, renewable energy simultaneously protect the community's health and reduce health care costs?

Moderator: *Kathleen Regan, The Commonwealth Fund*

Panel: *Gary Cohen, Healthcare Without Harm*

Case Studies: *Kathy Gerwig, Kaiser Permanente*
Sonia Roschnik, NHS/Sustainable Health Solutions
Charlotta Brask, Stockholm County Council

Reactor: *Karen DeSalvo, Formerly Acting Assistant Secretary for Health and Health Commissioner for New Orleans*

Discussion

Thursday, November 16 (continued)

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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

John M. Eisenberg, M.D. International Lecture

“What are our Biggest Challenges in Health Care and Where Should We Look for the Solutions?”

Dr. Benjamin Chu

Chairman of the Board, The Commonwealth Fund

Friday, November 17

The St. Regis Hotel

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast in the George Washington Room

8:30 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.

Astor Ballroom

Welcome and Introductory Comments

Robin Osborn, The Commonwealth Fund

8:35 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Keynote Speaker: “A Futurist’s View of the Health Care System of the Future”

Bertalan Mesko

The Medical Futurist Institute

Discussion

9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Astor Ballroom

Panel III. Transforming Care for High Need and Vulnerable Patients

What are the implications of anticipated breakthroughs in medical science and technology for the delivery system? Where will care be delivered and by whom? How will artificial intelligence, ‘big data’ analytics, and health information technologies impact patient care? What frontline delivery system models and payment mechanisms will promise the most integrated and efficient care for high-need, high-cost patients? How can we harness these advances to improve care and outcomes for vulnerable populations with complex health and social care needs?

Moderator: *Eric Schneider, The Commonwealth Fund*

Panel:

Albert L. Siu, Brookdale Department of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine

Sally Okun, PatientsLikeMe

Paul Epping, Philips, Healthcare Transformation Service

Mark McClellan, Duke University

Joseph F. Coughlin, MIT AgeLab

Discussion

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Coffee Break in the State Salon

Friday, November 17 (continued)
The St. Regis Hotel

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Panel IV. A High Performing Health Care System for 2030: What are the Policy Implications?

What investments need to be made now— in system redesign, alternative delivery system settings, technology, workforce, and, patient empowerment.? What will be the right balance between health versus social services spending in 2030? What should be the priorities for disinvestment between now and 2030? What are the fundamental, non-negotiable hallmarks of a patient-centered care system and the policies that will support that vision?

Moderator: *Donald B. Moulds*, The Commonwealth Fund

Panel:

Penelope Dash, McKinsey & Co. London

Jennifer Dixon, The Health Foundation

Lewis G. Sandy, UnitedHealth Group

Patrick Jeurissen, Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport

12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Getting from Here to There: What are the Challenges?

David Blumenthal, The Commonwealth Fund

12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch in the Winter Pavilion