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.  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.  Ministers’ Policy Roundtable I:
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
Thursday, November 16 (continued)

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Mинистры Польши Рондалтобе II:  

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)
St. Regis Hotel

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.  Welcome and Introductory Comments
Astor Ballroom
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.  Panel III. Transforming Care for High Need and Vulnerable Patients
Astor Ballroom

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. Couglin, 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