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cost growth. In 1998, he was awarded the John D. Thompson Prize for young investigators by the Association of University Programs in Public Health. In 1999, he received the Alice S. Hersh, Young Investigator Award from the Association of Health Services Research. Both of these awards recognize overall contribution to the field of health services research. Chernew is a research associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research and he is on the editorial boards of *Health Affairs* and *Medical Care Research and Review*. He received a Ph.D. in economics from Stanford University, where his training focused on areas of applied microeconomics and econometrics.

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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 fourtholdest 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

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CONNIE GISTAND, M.D., is currently a hospitalist at West Jefferson Medical Center in Marrero, Louisiana and an assistant professor of medicine, Section of General Internal Medicine at Tulane University Health Sciences Center, School of Medicine. This native of Louisiana, who lives in New Orleans, has long been involved with community based projects from voter registration drives, to out reach programs for the homeless. Since Hurricane Katrina, her efforts have focused on addressing Louisiana's healthcare crisis and rebuilding efforts. Gistand currently serves as a member of the Advisory Board for Reach 2010, the National Black Women's Health Project. At the state level, she has participated in discussions of health care and policy for Louisiana Medicaid programs and she was appointed to the Louisiana Governor's Health Care Reform Panel. Gistand received her medical degree from the University of Iowa in 1996, and completed her residency in internal medicine at the Ochsner Foundation Hospital, New Orleans in 2001.

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JEFFRY HABER, Ph.D., joined the Fund on June 15, 2006 as controller. The controller is responsible for managing all aspects of the accounting function, preparing the organization's tax returns, carrying out the investment decisions of the Investment Committee, representing the Fund on professional committees and working with program staff on budget issues. In addition to a variety of ongoing consulting relationships, Haber is also a tenured associate professor at Iona College, teaching accounting and management courses to undergraduate and graduate students within the Hagan School of Business. His book *Accounting Demystified* is very popular among both students

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MARY D. NAYLOR, Ph.D., R.N., is the Marian S. Ware Professor in Gerontology, and director of the Center for Transitions and Health at the University of Pennsylvania, School of Nursing. Since 1990, Naylor has led an interdisciplinary program of research designed to improve the quality of care, decrease unnecessary hospitalizations and reduce health care costs for vulnerable communitybased elders. To date, Naylor and her research team have completed three National Institutes of Health funded randomized clinical trials testing the Advanced Practice Nurse Transitional Care Model, an innovative approach to addressing the needs of high risk chronically-ill elders and their caregivers. With the support of The Commonwealth Fund, the Jacob & Valeria Langeloth Foundation and the John A. Hartford Foundation, this research team has recently partnered with a major insurance organization and health care organization to promote widespread adoption of this proven model of care coordination. An ongoing clinical trial funded by the Marian S. Ware Alzheimer Program and the National Institute on Aging has expanded testing of this model of care with hospitalized cognitively impaired elders and their caregivers. Additionally, Navlor and colleagues have recently launched a study funded by the National Institute on Aging and the National Institute for Nursing Research that will examine over time the natural history of changes in health and quality of life among elders newly admitted to long term care settings or services. Naylor is also the national program director for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation program, Interdisciplinary Nursing Quality Research Initiative (INQRI). The primary goal of the INQRI program is to generate, disseminate and translate research to understand how nurses contribute to and can improve the quality of patient care. The program supports interdisciplinary teams of nurse scholars and scholars from other disciplines to address the gaps in knowledge about the relationship between nursing and health care quality. In recognition of her research and leadership, Naylor has received numerous awards. In 2004, she was the first nurse selected as a McCann Scholar, the only national award by a private foundation that recognizes outstanding mentors in medicine, nursing, and science. In 2005, Naylor was elected to the National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Medicine.

ROBIN OSBORN, vice president and director of The Commonwealth Fund's International Program in Health Policy and Practice, has responsibility for the Fund's annual international symposium, annual international health policy surveys and comparisons of health systems data, the Commonwealth Fund-Nuffield Trust international conferences on quality (Pennyhill Park/Ditchley), the Fund's International Working Group on Quality Indicators, the Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy, and the Packer Policy Fellowships. Prior to joining the Fund in 1997, Osborn was director of fellowship programs at the Association for Health Services Research, where she directed the Picker/Commonwealth Scholars Program and served as deputy director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research Program. While living in the United Kingdom from 1986 to 1992, she held management positions at BUPA, the largest private health insurer in the United Kingdom, with responsibility for developing managed care programs. Her previous positions include managing director of the Miller Institute for Performing Artists at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center; executive director of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Greater New York's corporate foundation; The Health Services Improvement Fund; special assistant to the vice president of Blue Cross and Blue Shield for the division charged with cost containment, quality, pilot benefits and health services research; and assistant director of Bronx Municipal Hospital Center, a 1,400-bed, public safety net hospital. She earned a bachelor of science with honors at Tufts University and a master's of business administration from Columbia University.

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