



**Building An Evidence-Based Health Care System:
An Agenda for the Next Four Years**

**April 1, 2005
Westin Embassy Row Hotel
Washington, DC**

8.30: Registration and Continental Breakfast

9.00: Welcome and Introduction Stuart Altman, Ph.D.

**9.15: Enhancing the Availability of Practical Clinical Research to Support
Evidence-Based Health Care Decisions**

Expanding the availability of practical clinical research. What are the major opportunities and challenges? What should be done first?

Speakers: Carolyn Clancy, M.D., Director, AHRQ
Michael McGinnis M.D., Senior Scholar, Institute of Medicine

Respondent: Helen Darling, President, National Business Group on Health

9.45: Discussion

10.30: Break

10.45: Developing an Infrastructure to Support Practical Clinical Research

Establishing registries for new high cost drugs, devices, and medical procedures to support post-marketing studies of clinical effectiveness. How will priorities be set? Which organizations could be responsible for maintaining registries? Who will conduct and synthesize this new research? How could existing capacity in government or the private sector be utilized in these efforts?

Speaker: Sean Tunis, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, CMS

Respondents: Jack Rowe M.D., Chairman and CEO, Aetna Inc.
David Brennan, President and CEO, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals

11.30: Discussion

12.15: Adjourn (Lunch will be served)

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