



**Improving Evidence for Decision Making:  
Future Strategies for U.S. Technology Assessment**

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Washington, DC**

**8.30: Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**9.00: Issue Overview**      Stuart Altman, Ph.D.

**9.15: Health Technology Assessment in the US and Europe**

**Technology Assessment in the U.S.**

Steven Pearson, M.D., MSc, Special Advisor, Technology and Coverage Policy, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

**Technology Assessment in the UK and Europe**

Sir Michael Rawlins, M.D., Chairman, National Institute for Clinical Excellence (U.K.)

**Strengths and Weaknesses of Alternative Approaches**

Barbara McNeil, M.D., Ph.D., Professor, Harvard Medical School

**10.45: Break**

**11.00: Should the U.S. Establish a Coordinated Technology Assessment Capability?  
How Should Future Efforts Be Organized?**

Carolyn Clancy, M.D., Director, Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research

Marc Berger, M.D., Vice President, Outcomes Research and Management, Merck & Co.

Alan Rosenberg M.D., Vice President of Medical Policy, Technology Assessment & Credentialing, Wellpoint, Inc.

**12.45: Adjourn**