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

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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