Setting Priorities for Comparative Effectiveness Research: Congressional Briefing

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This roundtable will provide an overview of how a national comparative effectiveness (CE) research entity might work, and the potential benefits for the U.S. health care system. Health system leaders and federal officials will then discuss research priorities for this initiative.

9:00  Continental Breakfast

9:15  Introduction

Speaker:  Stuart Altman, Ph.D., Brandeis University

9:30  Establishing a National Comparative Effectiveness Research Capacity

Speaker:  Murray Ross, Ph.D, Kaiser Institute for Health Policy

This session will provide an overview of key issues for an expanded national capacity for CE research, and an overview of key elements contained in proposed legislation.

10:00  Brief Break

10:10  Panels 1 and 2:

These sessions will discuss stakeholder priorities for the types of studies that might be sponsored by a national comparative effectiveness research initiative.

Private Sector Panel: Setting Priorities in Year 1:

Moderator:  Stuart Altman, Ph.D, Brandeis University

Panelists:  Jay Schukman, M.D., Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield in Virginia
           Armin Ernst M.D., Beth Israel Deaconess
           Jean-Paul Gagnon, Ph.D., Sanofi-Aventis
           Gail Shearer, Consumers Union

11:00  Federal Agency Panel: Setting Priorities in Year 1

Moderator:  Michael McGinnis, M.D., Institute of Medicine

Panelists:  Carolyn Clancy, M.D., Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
           Michael S. Lauer, M.D., FACC, FAHA, National Heart, Lung, & Blood Institute
           Eugene Rich, House Committee on Ways & Means

12:00  Meeting Adjourns