Future Scenarios for US Physician Practice Under Health Care Reform

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8:00 a.m.  Breakfast

8:30 a.m.  Welcome and Introduction

Stuart Altman, Ph.D., Sol C. Chaikin Professor of National Health Policy, Brandeis University

8:45 a.m.  The Evolution of Physician Practice in the US: Trends, Outlook and Policy Priorities

American physicians are facing the rapid push to electronic health records, increased regulatory oversight, new cost containment initiatives, health system consolidation and new Medicare payment reforms under MACRA. This session will review the forces affecting US physicians, changes in the organization of physician groups and implications for the practice and profession of medicine.

Lawrence Casalino, MD, Ph.D, Livingston Farrand Professor of Public Health, Weill Cornell Medical College

9:30 a.m.  Future Outlook for Primary Care and Multi-Specialty Practices

The movement towards value-based payment requires primary care providers and multi-specialty physician groups to invest in new capabilities to support population health. New payment initiatives reward efficiency but may not provide sufficient resources to support needed capabilities. The impetus to reduce unneeded health spending may create frictions with local hospitals and specialists. This session will examine the experiences of independent medical groups in the current market environment.

Panelists:  Grace Terrell MD, Founder and Strategist, CHESS MSO
Jonathan Nasser, MD, Chief Transformation Officer, Crystal Run Healthcare
Sandy L. Chung, MD, CEO, Health Connect IPA

10:45 p.m.  Break
11:00 p.m.  **Future Outlook for Oncology Practice**

Among medical specialties, oncology in particular is evolving rapidly due to advances in medical science and a growing public focus on high and rising drug prices which disproportionately affect this specialty. This session will examine the effects of recent public and private policy changes on specialty practices in general with examples from oncology where a number of new approaches including oncology medical homes and the CMS Oncology Care Model may provide lessons for physicians in other specialties.

Panelists: Barbara McAneny, MD, CEO, New Mexico Cancer Center, Board Member, American Medical Association
Kavita Patel, MD, Non-resident Fellow, The Brookings Institution

12:15 p.m.  **Lunch Served**

12:30 p.m.  **Future Outlook for Surgical and Cardiac Specialties**

The ongoing efforts to implement alternative payment models have largely failed to engage surgical and medical specialists. The ACO movement has emphasized the work of primary care providers while Medicare bundled payments have thus far been hospital-focused with an emphasis on managing post-acute spending. This session will discuss methods for further engaging surgical and cardiac specialists in the value-based care movement.

Panelists: Frank Opelka, MD, Medical Director, Advocacy and Health Policy, American College of Surgeons
Robert Lorenz, MD, Medical Director of Payment Reform, Risk and Contracting, Cleveland Clinic
Anuj Gupta MD, Assistant Professor, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine University of Maryland School of Medicine

2:00 p.m.  **Meeting adjourns**