

AAMC Plenary Sessions

Sunday, November 4

1:30–3:30

Marriott • Ballroom

AAMC Leadership Forum



Presiding: Robert J. Desnick, MD, PhD
Professor and Chair of Genetics and
Genomic Sciences
Mt. Sinai School of Medicine



AAMC Chair's Address
Balance in Academic Medicine: Our Future
Depends on It
Richard D. Krugman, MD
Dean and Vice Chancellor of
Health Affairs
University of Colorado School of Medicine



AAMC President's Address
Culture and the Courage to Change
Darrell G. Kirch, MD



Keynote Address
Cokie Roberts
Broadcast Journalist

Monday, November 5

8:15–10:00

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Health in the Balance



Robert G. Petersdorf Lecture
Finding the Balance in Research
Thomas R. Cech, PhD
President
Howard Hughes Medical Institute



John A.D. Cooper Lecture
Finding the Balance for Health Care Resources
Sara Rosenbaum, JD
Hirsh Professor and Chair, Health Policy
George Washington University
School of Medicine and Health Sciences



Jordan J. Cohen Lecture
Healing and Heeling
Daniel D. Federman, MD
Senior Dean for Alumni Relations and Clinical
Teaching
Harvard Medical School

Tuesday, November 6

8:30–9:30

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Political Spotlight—One Year Out



Moderator:
Richard D. Krugman, MD
Speakers:
Fred Barnes
Executive Editor, *Weekly Standard*
Author and Co-host, *Beltway Boys*



Mark Shields
Syndicated Columnist and Commentator
Author and Political Analyst

AAMC Focus Sessions

Sunday, November 4

3:45–5:00

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Medical Student Assessment: Role of High-Stakes External Examinations

Every medical student must pass the Steps of USMLE to practice medicine. Nearly all schools require students to take the USMLE, and most require passing Step 1 for promotion and Step 2 for graduation.

External assessments provide valuable information to students and schools. However, they might also inhibit innovation and diminish responsibility for assessment by faculty.

We will begin with a report on the current strategic review of the USMLE, emphasizing changes likely to be implemented between 2010 and 2015, presented by NBME staff.

Questions and comments have been solicited from a variety of stakeholders and these, plus questions submitted by the audience, will be addressed by an expert panel including perspectives of the USMLE, licensure, student affairs, and academic affairs. The audience will be able to express its opinions on these questions and the relationship of external, high-stakes assessments to the intramural assessment accountability of faculty.

Moderator:

Ruth B. Hoppe, MD

USMLE Perspective:

Alfred F. Tallia, MD

Licensure Perspective:

Kim Edward LeBlanc MD, PhD

Student Affairs Perspective:

Molly Osborne, MD, PhD

Academic Affairs Perspective:

Ruth-Marie Fincher, MD

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Alan Gregg Memorial Lecture

Transformation and Change: Balancing the Need for Quality Improvement with the Call for Value-Driven Health Care

Dr. Clancy's presentation will review current trends and issues in patient safety and health care quality; outline research findings and environmental pressures that are shaping the future direction of health care delivery, including the rapid adoption of health information technology; and describe the vision for using health care transparency to help provide the balance that is required to develop good quality measures and promote value-driven health care.



Moderator:

Elliot J. Sussman, MD

Speaker:

Carolyn Clancy, MD

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Herbert W. Nickens Lecture

Diversity in the Health Professions: Challenges and Opportunities

The U.S. health professions have been challenged to insure that the realities of racial and ethnic diversity in their ranks match the ideals espoused by their educational institutions and their associations. Many studies have shown that access to health care is improved with greater diversity in the professions.

The dynamic growth of the U.S. population and its increasing diversity presents an opportunity to close the gap between our ideals and the reality in the health professions, while improving the health status of the poor and the medically underserved.



Speaker:

Louis W. Sullivan, MD

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10:15–11:30

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Health in the Balance: Shaping the Research Agenda: Establishing

Priorities for NIH Research in a Time of Constrained Resources

The newly authorized NIH Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives will develop and implement new processes for identifying opportunities and gaps in biomedical research, especially those that no single institute at NIH can tackle alone, but that require multi-institute or even trans-agency collaboration to maintain the momentum of research progress. The Division represents a wholly new approach to priority setting at NIH, which could have a substantial impact on the extramural community. This session will explore the benefits and risks of this new trans-NIH priority setting paradigm, especially during a time of constrained resources, growing concerns of disease-focused advocacy groups, and intensifying competition and demand for NIH's attention and support.

Moderator:

Allen Spiegel, MD

Speakers:

Alan Krensky, MD

Allen Lichter, MD

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Health in the Balance: Who Will Provide Primary Care?

A strong primary care infrastructure is critical to the health of communities; but interest in generalist careers among graduates of US medical and osteopathic schools has been declining. Numerous studies have shown that physician assistants and nurse practitioners can also provide quality primary care services, including for the chronically ill who are using a growing share of health services. This panel will explore what role physicians, NPs, PAs and others might play in the future and address what mix of health professionals in what organizational arrangements can best assure access, quality and cost effective primary care in our diverse communities.

Moderator:

J. Lloyd Michener, MD

Speakers:

Larry Green, MD

Christine Tassone Kovner, PhD, RN

Susan Edgman-Levitan, PA

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Health in the Balance: State and Federal Health Care Reform and Coverage Initiatives

This session will explore, compare, and contrast the myriad of proposals for expanding insurance coverage and reforming the health care delivery system at both the state and national levels as well as identify state proposals that have been implemented and national proposals that are receiving serious consideration.

Moderator:

Arthur Garson Jr., MD

Speakers:

Stephen C. Schoenbaum, MD

William J. Scanlon, PhD