

After Health Reform: Where Do We Go From Here?

A panel discussion



New England Healthcare Institute

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Welcome from NEHI's President

Dear NEHI Members and Friends,

This is NEHI's sixth forum on health reform over the past two and a half years, but today's event is being held in a very different social and political environment. Health reform is no longer just a shared hope of ours, it is now law – and we all know that life going forward will be very different for all of us.

How it will be different, and how different it will be, are issues that we will explore today. The goal of our discussion will be to identify how health reform will affect the many important sectors of health care, and to generate innovative thinking about delivery and payment reforms that will help make the system more effective for everyone – patients, providers, payers, industries, employers, and the government.

NEHI is privileged and proud to convene this extraordinary gathering of experts who represent the sophisticated collaboration that we need to make the future of health care better than it has ever been. If we, within NEHI, are a microcosm of today's health care system, then how we work together and the solutions we identify and bring to life will truly be the beginning of a roadmap for attaining affordable, high-quality health care.

Thank you for joining us for today's conversation. It is a critical one for creating an innovative, efficient and successful health care system for the 21st century.

All the best,

Wendy Everett, ScD
President

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Agenda

Health Reform: Where Do We Go From Here?

Welcome and Introductions

4:00 PM

Wendy Everett, ScD, NEHI President

Panel Discussion

Timothy Johnson, MD, Medical Editor, ABC News; Moderator

Mary R. Grealy, President, Healthcare Leadership Council

Dolores Mitchell, Executive Director, Massachusetts Group Insurance Commission

David Y. Norton, Company Group Chairman, Global Pharmaceuticals, Johnson & Johnson

Samuel Nussbaum, MD, Executive Vice President & CMO, Wellpoint, Inc.

Myrl Weinberg, President, National Health Council

Audience Q&A

Reception

5:30 PM

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Moderator:

Timothy Johnson, MD

Medical Editor, ABC News



Dr. Timothy Johnson has provided commentary on medical problems and answers for viewers of ABC News "Good Morning America" since the program's debut in November 1975.

Dr. Johnson holds joint positions in medicine at Harvard University and Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, placing him in the mainstream of the nation's top medical resources. He is also the founding editor of the Harvard Medical School Health Letter and co-editor of the Harvard Medical School Health Letter Book.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Augustana College, he graduated summa cum laude from Albany Medical College and holds a Masters degree in public health from Harvard University.

Panelists:

Mary R. Grealy

President, Healthcare Leadership Council



Mary Grealy is president of the Healthcare Leadership Council, a coalition of chief executives of the nation's leading healthcare companies and organizations that advocates consumer-centered health care reform, emphasizing the value of private sector innovation.

Ms. Grealy has an extensive background in healthcare policy. She has led important initiatives on the uninsured and testifies frequently before Congress and federal regulatory agencies.

She has been ranked many times by Modern Healthcare as one of the 100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare and was named to Modern Healthcare's list of the Top 25 Women in Healthcare in 2009.

Panel Members

Dolores Mitchell

Executive Director, Massachusetts Group Insurance Commission



Dolores Mitchell is the Executive Director of the Group Insurance Commission, the Massachusetts agency that provides life, health, disability and dental and vision services to 265,000 state employees, retirees and their dependents. She has been in that position since 1987, serving in the administrations of Governors Dukakis, Weld, Cellucci, Swift, Romney and now Governor Patrick.

Mrs. Mitchell is a member of a number of professional and community organizations, including the Massachusetts Coalition for the Prevention of Medical Errors, the Massachusetts Health Council, the Business Advisory Group of the E-Health Initiative, of which she is Co-Chair, and the E-Health Collaborative of which she is a Director.

Mrs. Mitchell is a frequent speaker on health care, politics, women's career issues and related subjects.

David Y. Norton

Company Group Chairman, Global Pharmaceuticals, Johnson & Johnson



David Y. Norton began his Johnson & Johnson career in 1979 as a product manager for the company's affiliate Janssen Pharmaceutica in Australia. He returned to Australia in 1985 as managing director of Janssen Australia, and in 1988 was appointed sales and marketing director for the combined company, Janssen-Cilag.

In 1990 Mr. Norton returned to Europe and was named vice president of International Marketing for the Janssen group. Eventually, he was appointed to company group chairman, Worldwide Commercial and Operations for the CNS, Internal Medicine and Virology franchise.

Mr. Norton is a member of the Board of Directors at Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), serving as their treasurer, and is also a member of several of their executive committees.

Panel Members

Samuel Nussbaum, MD

Executive Vice President and CMO, Wellpoint, Inc.



Dr. Samuel Nussbaum oversees corporate medical policy, clinical pharmacy programs and programs in clinical excellence and health information technology.

Dr. Nussbaum received the 2004 Physician Executive Award of Excellence from the American College of Physician Executives and Modern Physician magazine. Dr. Nussbaum is professor of clinical medicine at Washington University School of Medicine and serves as adjunct professor at the Olin School of Business, Washington University.

Dr. Nussbaum earned his medical degree from Mount Sinai School of Medicine and has served as a professor at Harvard Medical School, where his clinical and basic research led to new therapies to treat skeletal disorders and new technologies to measure hormones in blood.

Myrl Weinberg

President, National Health Council



Myrl Weinberg has served as president of the National Health Council (NHC) since 1996. The NHC brings together all segments of the health care community to provide a united voice for the more than 133 million people with chronic diseases and disabilities and their family caregivers.

Ms. Weinberg's career has focused on health, medical research, long-term care, social security and related issues that affect disabled and chronically ill people and the family members who care for them.

She pursued advanced graduate study at Purdue University and holds an MA in Special Education from George Peabody College and a BA in Psychology from the University of Arkansas.

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