Exploring Comparative Effectiveness: Options for Expanding U.S. Capacity

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Gail Wilensky, PhD, is an economist and a senior fellow at Project HOPE. Dr. Wilensky is a commissioner on the World Health Organization’s Commission on the Social Determinants of Health, co-chaired the recently completed Department of Defense Task Force on the Future of Military Health Care, is vice chair of the Maryland Health Care Commission and serves as a trustee of the Combined Benefits Fund of the United Mineworkers of America and the National Opinion Research Center. She has recently been appointed to the Defense Health Board, advising the Department of Defense on health matters, and to the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

From 1990 to 1992, she was administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration. She also served as deputy assistant to former President Bush for policy development, advising him on health and welfare issues from 1992 to 1993. From 1997 to 2001, she chaired the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, and from 1995 to 1997, she chaired the Physician Payment Review Commission. From 2001 to 2003, she co-chaired the President’s Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery for Our Nation’s Veterans. In 2007, she served as a commissioner on the President’s Commission on Care for America’s Returning Wounded Warriors. Dr. Wilensky testifies frequently before congressional committees and speaks before professional, business, and
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Dr. Galvin’s focus is in the areas of value purchasing, payment reform, and public policy relating to the role of employers in the health care system. He is co-founder of the Leapfrog Group and founder of Bridges to Excellence and the Center for Payment Reform. He is a member of the Defense Health Board as well as the Institute of Medicine Board on Health Care Services and has served on several Institute of Medicine Committees. Dr. Galvin has received awards from the National Health Care Purchasing Institute, the National Business Group on Health, and the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship.

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After being diagnosed with breast cancer in 1994, Ms. Hinestrosa and a group of survivors and health care professionals formed Nueva Vida, the only comprehensive support network for Latinas with breast and cervical cancer in the Washington metropolitan area. Nueva Vida offers culturally
relevant survivorship and access support to a mostly immigrant community for whom the challenges of living in a foreign environment add to the burdens of a cancer diagnosis. As the former executive director of Nueva Vida, Ms. Hinestrosa brought the voice of Latinas with breast cancer to the national stage, representing her organization on the board of directors of the National Breast Cancer Coalition, the Integration Panel of the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program, and the National Cancer Institute’s Central Institutional Review Board.

Ms. Hinestrosa has served on many national committees, including the Institute of Medicine’s Committee on Technologies for the Early Detection of Breast Cancer, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the National Quality Forum, the Ethical Force of the American Medical Association, and the National Action Plan on Breast Cancer Consumer Involvement Working Group. She has also served as chair of the Integration Panel of the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program, the second consumer advocate to chair that panel since its founding. Ms. Hinestrosa has also played a leading role in the development of the International Latina Breast Cancer Advocacy Network.

Ms. Hinestrosa completed a master of public health degree, concentrating in health policy, at the George Washington University.

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Steven M. Teutsch, MD, will be joining the Los Angeles County Health Department as chief science officer in February 2009. He recently retired from Merck & Co., Inc., where he was executive director of U.S. Outcomes Research. He joined the Outcomes Research and Management group at Merck in October 1997, and was responsible for scientific leadership in developing evidence-based clinical management programs, conducting outcomes research studies, and improving outcomes measurement to enhance quality of care. Prior to joining Merck, he was director of the Division of Prevention Research and Analytic Methods at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), where he was responsible for assessing the effectiveness, safety, and the cost-effectiveness of disease and injury prevention strategies. His division developed comparable methodology for studies of the effectiveness and economic impact of prevention programs, provided training in these methods, developed CDC’s capacity for conducting necessary studies, and provided technical assistance for conducting economic and decision analysis. The division also evaluated the impact of interventions in urban areas, includes a Task Force that is developing a Guide to Community Health Services, and provides support for CDC’s analytic methods. He has served as a member of both that Task Force and the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, which develops the Guide to Clinical Preventive Services. He currently chairs the Health and Human Services Secretary's Advisory Committee on Genetics Health and Society and serves on the American Health Information Community Personalized Health Care Workgroup, the Evaluation of Genomic Applications in Prevention and Practice Workgroup, as well as Institute of Medicine panels.
Dr. Teutsch came to CDC in 1977, where he was assigned to the Parasitic Diseases Division and worked extensively on toxoplasmosis. He was then assigned to the Kidney Donor and subsequently the Kidney Disease Program. He developed the framework for CDC's diabetes control program. He joined the Epidemiology Program Office and became the director of the Division of Surveillance and Epidemiology where he was responsible for CDC's disease monitoring activities. He became chief of the Prevention Effectiveness Activity in 1992.

Dr. Teutsch received his undergraduate degree in biochemical sciences at Harvard University in 1970, an MPH degree in epidemiology from the University of North Carolina School of Public Health in 1973, and his MD degree from Duke University School of Medicine in 1974. He completed his residency training in internal medicine at Pennsylvania State University, Hershey. He was certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in 1977, the American Board of Preventive Medicine in 1995, and is a fellow of both the American College of Physicians and the American College of Preventive Medicine. Dr. Teutsch is an adjunct professor at the Emory University School of Public Health, Department of Health Policy and Management and the University of North Carolina School of Public Health. He has published more than 150 articles and 6 books in a broad range of fields in epidemiology, including parasitic diseases, diabetes, technology assessment, health services research, and surveillance.

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