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Forum II Executive Summary Improving Productivity in Health Care

Improving the effectiveness and efficiency of health care in the United States was the focus of Forum II held in February at Harvard University. The meeting was co-hosted by Harvard's Kennedy School of Government Health Care Delivery Policy Program.

[Participants](#) recommended a fundamental restructuring of our current delivery and reimbursement systems, with improvements funded by eliminating waste and increasing value.

Six **action principles** were agreed on:

- Develop a definition of value
- Pay providers based on value
- Create competition around results
- Hold all sectors in health care accountable for reducing waste
- Create a trusted mechanism to synthesize scientific and clinical information
- Encourage formation of integrated systems

Read the [executive summary](#) of the forum.

“ From my perspective, there are three change drivers: information, measurement and money. To move the system in the right direction, you have to get those three elements working together. ”
– John Rother, AARP

Coming Events

Forum III Focus - Integration

"Encouraging the Formation of Integrated Systems" is the focus of Forum III, being held March 5-7 at RAND Corporation, in Santa Monica, Calif. A distinguished group of [participants](#) will seek consensus on action principles through a process of discussion and rankings. See [agenda](#).

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Forum IV Focus - Paying for Value

June 18-20, 2007

Co-host: Center for the Evaluative Clinical Sciences at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H.

Second National Symposium Postponed

The date of Mayo Clinic's second National Symposium, originally scheduled for January 2008, will be delayed until the spring to avoid conflicts with presidential primaries. It will be held at the Lansdowne Resort, Leesburg, Va.

List of Recommendations

See the [evolving list of recommendations](#) from the Mayo Clinic Health Policy Center's symposium and forums.

The Mayo Clinic Health Policy Center is convening national thought leaders in a series of events to help develop a new consensus-driven vision for health care in America.

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