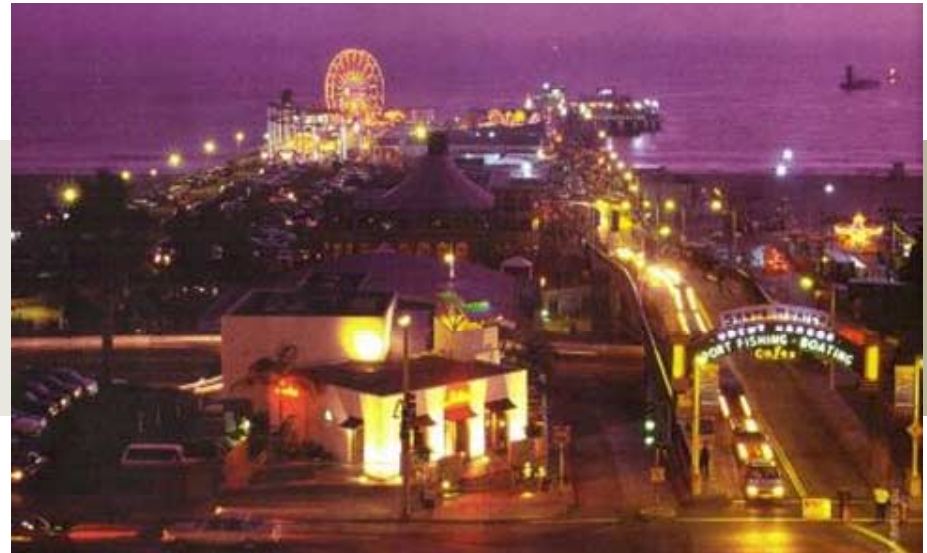


# Mayo Clinic Health Policy Forum III

## Integration of Care

March 5-7, 2007  
RAND Corporation  
Santa Monica, Calif.



## Overarching principles:

Patients must be at the center of the care system and have the right to coordinated quality care.



Integrated practice behavior (cooperation) is essential.



## Emerging principles:

Create a system that provides patients' a single point of coordination, interpretation, and care.



Create incentives for system colleagues to work together to coordinate care for the patient.



Conduct research about the structure, process and leadership that produce the best integrated care and broadly disseminate results.



### Overarching principles:

The goal of the delivery system is to improve the health of the population.



### Emerging principles:

Encourage all payers to measure and report quality performance at the group level.



Create models of shared financial risk to allow for sharing electronic data and information.



Develop a portfolio of incentives (transparency, financial, reporting, technical assistance, role models, professional pride, etc.) to motivate physicians to come together.



Drive integration through transparency and dissemination of outcomes.



Provide selected legal relief from anti-trust actions for independent groups trying to improve integration.



## Overarching principles:

The finance system must be changed to achieve substantive health care reform.



## Emerging principles:

Use Medicare's purchasing power to create a payment system that rewards integrated care.



Create a payment system that rewards integrated care, favorable outcomes and which penalizes uncoordinated care.



Pay for care on a prospective, risk-adjusted basis.



## How would you structure a system that would be in the best interests of patients?

### Overarching principles:

Patients should have information, a personal relationship, involvement and a level of control over what happens to them within the health care system.



### Emerging principles:

Patients should have appropriate, quality, evidence-based care when they need it.



Patient information should belong to the patient; they should receive complete and accurate information and have access to their information from birth to death.



Support a unified patient identifier to promote portability of information.



Extend the integrated system to the local (community) level, allowing for interface and access on a routine/ongoing basis and identify ways to work together to improve health.

