Accountable Care Lessons:  
Translating International Models of Care for High-Need, High-Cost Populations in the United States

Biographies

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Dr. Dzau has made a significant impact on medicine through his seminal research in cardiovascular medicine and genetics and his leadership in health care innovation. His important work on the renin angiotensin system (RAS) paved the way for the contemporary understanding of RAS in cardiovascular disease and the development of RAS inhibitors as widely used, lifesaving drugs. In his role as a leader in health care, Dr. Dzau has led efforts in innovation to improve health, including the development of the Duke Translational Medicine Institute, the Duke Global Health Institute, the Duke-National University of Singapore Graduate Medical School, and the Duke Institute for Health Innovation.

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Mark McClellan, MD, PhD is the Robert J. Margolis Professor of Business, Medicine, and Policy, and Director of the Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy at Duke University with offices at Duke and in Washington DC. The new Center will support and conduct research, evaluation, implementation, and educational activities to improve health policy and health, through collaboration across Duke University and Health System, and through partnerships between the public and private sectors. It integrates the social, clinical, and analytical sciences to incorporate technical expertise and practical capabilities to develop and apply policy solutions that improve health and the value of health care locally, nationally, and worldwide. Dr. McClellan is a doctor and an economist, and his work has addressed a wide range of strategies and policy reforms to improve health care, including such areas as payment reform to promote better outcomes and lower costs, methods for development and use of real-world evidence, and more effective drug and device innovation. Before coming to Duke, he served as a Senior Fellow in Economic Studies at the Brookings Institution, where he was Director of the Health Care Innovation and Value Initiatives and led the Richard Merkin Initiative on Payment Reform and Clinical Leadership. He also has a highly distinguished record in public service and in academic research. Dr. McClellan is a former administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and former commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), where he developed and implemented major reforms in health policy. These include the Medicare prescription drug benefit, Medicare and Medicaid payment reforms, the FDA’s Critical Path Initiative, and public-private initiatives to develop better information on the quality and cost of care. Dr. McClellan is the founding chair and a current board member of the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the FDA, is a member of the National Academy of Medicine and chairs the Academy’s Leadership Council for Value and Science-Driven Health care, co-chairs the guiding committee of the Health Care Payment Learning and Action Network, and is a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research. He has also previously served as a member of the President’s Council of Economic Advisers and senior director for health care policy at the White House, and as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy at the Department of the Treasury. He was previously an associate professor of economics and medicine with tenure at Stanford University, and has twice received the Kenneth Arrow Award for Outstanding Research in Health Economics.

Robin Osborn, MBA, is Vice President and Director of The Commonwealth Fund's International Health Policy and Practice Innovations program. She has responsibility for the Fund's annual International Symposium on Health Policy, annual international health policy surveys and comparisons of health systems data, program on Frugal Innovations, The Commonwealth Fund- Nuffield Trust international conferences on quality, the Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice, the Australian-American Health Policy Fellowships, and 23 international partnerships with Health Ministries, research organizations, and health foundations. Prior to joining the Fund in 1997, Osborn was director of fellowship programs at the Association for Health Services Research (now AcademyHealth), where she directed the Picker/Commonwealth Scholars Program and served as deputy director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research Program. While living in London from 1986-1992, she held management positions at BUPA, with responsibility for developing managed care programs. Her previous positions include managing director of the Miller Institute for Performing Artists at St. Luke’s-Roosevelt Hospital Center; executive director of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Greater New York's corporate foundation; special assistant to the vice president of Blue Cross and Blue Shield for the division charged with quality improvement and cost containment; and assistant director of Jacobi Hospital Center, a 1,400-bed, public safety net hospital. She earned a B.S. with honors at Tufts University and an M.B.A. from Columbia University.
Hoangmai Pham, MD, MPH is a general internist who provided primary care at safety net organizations for many years. Prior to joining Duke-Margolis, she served as Chief Innovation Officer at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI), where she was responsible for implementation of the alternative payment model provisions of the Medicare and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA), and other cross-cutting initiatives for the Center. Dr. Pham was previously Director of the Seamless Care Models Group in CMMI, where she oversaw the design and testing of models on accountable care organizations and advanced primary care, including the Pioneer and Next Generation ACO Models, Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative, and Comprehensive ESRD Care Initiative. Before coming to CMS, Dr. Pham was Senior Health Researcher and Co-Director of Research at the Center for Studying Health System Change and Mathematica. She has published extensively on care fragmentation and coordination, quality reporting and improvement, health disparities, and provider market trends, and the intersection of each of these with payment policy.

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