Dr. Robert J. Margolis received the 2016 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Duke School of Medicine during Medical Alumni weekend where he also presented the Stead Lecture during the Department of Medicine’s Grand Rounds.

What does the election result mean for health care?

Roll Call hosted a day-long conference in Washington, DC, on the impact of the 2016 election. Mark McClellan, MD, PhD, director of the Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy, spoke on a panel looking at the upcoming health policy agenda for the next Administration and Congress. Read More.
Margolis Scholars in Health Policy and Management

The Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy and the Sanford School of Public Policy invite highly qualified Master of Public Policy applicants who have demonstrated strong interest in health policy or have experience in the health field to apply for the inaugural class of Margolis Scholars, entering the Master Public Policy (MPP) degree program at Sanford in Fall 2017. Margolis Scholars are linked with the world-class experts and leading-edge research of Duke-Margolis on the Duke University campus and in Washington, DC. Margolis Scholars will be considered for competitive scholarships, as well as paid summer internships that provide hands-on experience in health policy and management. **The application deadline is January 5, 2017.**

Watch the Video and Learn More

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**News**

**What the Election Means: Health Care in NC**
Don Taylor, PhD, provides analysis for North Carolina Health News and the Asheville Citizen-Times.

**Copay Assistance for Expensive Drugs Raises Costs**
As companies like Mylan, manufacturer of the Epipen, face outrage for prescription drug costs, manufacturers say they cushion the impact of high prices on patients by assisting with copays – but is this policy good for everyone? In an opinion piece published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, Peter Ubel, professor of business, medicine and public policy at Duke University and a member of Duke-Margolis, teamed up with Peter Bach of Memorial Sloan Kettering's Center for Health Policy and Outcomes to argue that copay assistance is not a solution, but in fact plays an integral role in prescription drug prices, which are one of the fastest growing components of healthcare costs. Read more.

**Biological Variability to Drug Response: Meeting Summary**
Duke-Margolis released a summary of an expert workshop convened in May to examine regulatory and scientific issues relating to individual variation in responses to the same medication. Accurately predicting and addressing the effects of biologic variability during drug development is a source of growing concern for researchers, drug sponsors, and regulators. Read the full report.

**With NCI Funding, DCI, Vivor Partner on Mobile Financial Assistance Tool**
Yusef Zafar, MD, MHS, a member of Duke-Margolis and Duke Cancer Institute, leads...
the work, which aims to reduce the financial toxicity of cancer care. Read more.

**Experts**

**Greg Daniel, MPH, PhD, RPh** was an invited speaker on November 2 at the FDA: Medical Device User Fee Amendments Public Meeting. He also provided the keynote at the Transcatheter Cardiovascular Therapeutics Meeting in Washington on October 31st, "National Evaluation System for Health Technology (NEST): Objectives, Accomplishments and Future Directions".

**Biosimilar Event Covered by NPR**


Jennifer Potts (Innovations in Healthcare), Nick Pearson (Duke Global Health Institute) and **Zeena Johar** (Duke Margolis Center for Health Policy) moderated a panel discussion on "Get Ready! Funding and social impact capital: healthcare innovator insights from East Africa, India and Latin America" at the Higher Education Solutions Network (HESN)'s Technical Convening (TechCon) 2016, co-hosted by MIT and USAID.

**Krishna Udayakumar, MD,** presented at an event hosted at CSIS (Center for Strategic and International Studies) on 'Innovations in Healthcare' in Washington DC on November 9th, 2016. The panel discussion was chaired by Richard M. Rossow (Senior Fellow and Wadhwani Chair in U.S.-India Policy Studies), along with Sunil Wadhwani (Founder Donor, WISH Foundation), Catherine Robinson (Director, International Government Affairs, Pfizer) and Roslyn Docktor (Director, Health Policy Middle East and Africa). Learn more.

**Events**

**Recommendations of the Second Panel on Cost-effectiveness in Health and Medicine**

December 7, 2016 - 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

The second panel, co-chaired by **Gillian Sanders**, will discuss key recommendations at this public event at the National Academy of Sciences. The in-person event is now full, but a webcast will be available. Learn more and register for the webcast.

**Introducing the Robert J. Margolis, MD, Center for Health Policy at Duke University -- join us for our launch!**

February 9, 2017 - 2:00 to 5:15 pm

Reception to Follow

Knight Conference Center at The Newseum
555 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20001

Learn about the Duke-Margolis model and our work on policy enabling Healthcare Transformation and
Ninth Annual Sentinel Initiative
Public Workshop

February 2, 2017 - 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

This annual workshop serves as a forum to bring together leading experts and interested stakeholders to discuss the ongoing development of the Sentinel Initiative. Learn More and Register

High-Value Biomedical Innovation. A full agenda and registration details coming soon.

Watch our Events Calendar for details!

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- Biomedical Innovation
- Education and Workforce Development

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