



**The Sixteenth Annual  
Symposium on**

**Health Care  
Services  
in New York:  
Research and  
Practice**

**For Health Care Providers,  
Health Policymakers,  
and Health Services Researchers**

**Tuesday, November 15, 2005**

**8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**The Graduate School and University Center  
The City University of New York**

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*The GNYHA Foundation and United Hospital Fund, along with major centers of health services research, are pleased to sponsor the Sixteenth Annual Symposium on Health Care Services in New York: Research and Practice. The symposium is held each year to foster collaboration on and understanding of current health care research in New York, build bridges among health services researchers and practitioners, and showcase the work of the New York health services research community. This year, the sponsors have renamed the symposium to better reflect its primary focus on connecting health care practice issues with research findings.*

*The 2005 symposium will open with a keynote speech by James B. Conway on efforts to improve patient safety, as accomplished by the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The executive vice president and COO of Dana-Farber from 1995-2005, Mr. Conway was the first recipient of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) and National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Individual Award in Patient Safety.*

*The symposium will also feature concurrent morning sessions on insurance coverage strategies and on palliative care research, and afternoon roundtables on evaluation strategies and on hospital performance measurement. A lunchtime poster session will highlight research, practice, and policy findings relevant to the everyday concerns of health care managers, clinicians, and policymakers, and will provide an opportunity for health services researchers and practitioners to directly interact and share their ideas.*

*Please join us on November 15 for the Sixteenth Annual Symposium.*

*2005 Planning Committee*

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# PROGRAM

**8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

*Registration/Continental Breakfast*

**9:00 a.m.**

*Welcome and Introductory Remarks*

**Kenneth E. Raske**

President

Greater New York Hospital Association

**James R. Tallon, Jr.**

President

United Hospital Fund

**9:15 a.m.**

*Keynote Address*

## IMPROVING PATIENT SAFETY

**James B. Conway**

Senior Fellow

Institute for Health Care Improvement

Senior Consultant

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

**10:30 a.m.**

*Refreshment Break*

**10:45 a.m.**

*Concurrent Sessions*

### SESSION 1

## STATE INSURANCE COVERAGE INITIATIVES

Moderator: **Danielle Holahan, MPH**  
Senior Health Policy Analyst  
United Hospital Fund

**Anne Marie Murphy, PhD**

Medicaid Director

Illinois Department of Healthcare and  
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## SESSION 2

# PALLIATIVE CARE RESEARCH ISSUES

Moderator: **Diane E. Meier, MD, FACP**

Director

Center to Advance Palliative Care  
Mount Sinai School of Medicine

**Sean Morrison, MD**

Professor, Geriatrics and Adult  
Development

Professor, Medicine

Mount Sinai School of Medicine

**Carol A. Luhrs, MD**

Director, Palliative Care for VISN 3  
Veterans Health Administration

**12:15 p.m.**

*Lunch and Poster Session*

## POSTER SESSION

This session will include posters that reflect the diverse program evaluation and research activities occurring in the metropolitan New York region. The posters selected for display cover such topics as the benefits of computerized physician order entry systems, frequency of HIV testing, disparities in health outcomes and other issues facing immigrant populations, and pain management and palliative care.

**1:30 p.m.**

*Roundtable Discussions*

## **ROUNDTABLE 1**

# **CHALLENGES CONFRONTING PROGRAM EVALUATION**

The content of this session will be established by questions posed by attendees. The issues to be covered are expected to include a) making sense of evaluating multi-site interventions, b) measuring elusive outcomes, c) using convenience samples to make a research contribution, and d) specifying the precise elements of an intervention that merit replication.

Moderator: **Michael J. Yedidia, PhD**  
Research Professor  
Center for Health and Public Service  
Research  
Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of  
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New York University

**Colleen Gillespie, PhD**  
Research Assistant Professor  
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**Diana Silver, MPH**  
Research Scientist  
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## ROUNDTABLE 2

# HOSPITAL PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT IN CONTEXT

Hospitals, government agencies, payers, employers, and consumers all use hospital performance information for different purposes. This session will focus on how the purpose of that information—i.e., quality improvement, regulatory oversight, system planning, or value purchasing—determines a) the extent to which measures must be accurate and actionable by hospitals, b) which measures should be selected, and c) whether individual or composite measures are appropriate.

Moderator: **Rachel Block**  
Project Director, Quality Strategies Initiative  
United Hospital Fund

**Karen Heller, MBA**  
Executive Director  
The Health Economics and Outcomes Research Institute  
Greater New York Hospital Association

**Thomas Hartman**  
Vice President, Health Care Quality Improvement  
IPRO

**3:00 p.m.**

*Adjournment*



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\_\_\_\_ Roundtable 1 OR

\_\_\_\_ Session 2

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