

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

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ROBERT GRAHAM, M.D., the Alliance for Health Reform chairman, has served in both the private and public health care sectors since 1970. He is currently professor and Robert and Myfanwy Smith Chair of Family Medicine in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Cincinnati's College of Medicine. Dr. Graham was the executive vice president/CEO of the American Academy of Family Physicians (1985-2000), the head of the Academy's Foundation (1988-1997), and the administrative officer of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (1973-1975). He has held a number of leadership responsibilities in the federal health sector, including the position of administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration (1981-1985), during which time he held the rank of rear admiral in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service, and served as an assistant surgeon general. He also served in senior positions at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (2001-2004), the Health Resources Administration (1976-1979), and the Health Services and Mental Health Administration (1970-1973). From 1979-1980, he served as a professional staff member of the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Health. Dr. Graham holds degrees from Earlham College and the University of Kansas School of Medicine.

MARK E. MILLER, PHD, serves as the executive director of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, a nonpartisan federal agency that advises Congress on Medicare payment, quality and access issues. With more than 19 years of health policy experience, Dr. Miller has held several important policy, research and management positions in health care. He was assistant director of Health and Human Resources at the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). Prior to his work at CBO, Dr. Miller was the deputy director of health plans at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS, formerly the Health Care Financing Administration). Earlier, Dr. Miller was the Health Financing Branch chief at the Office of Management and Budget and a senior research associate at the Urban Institute. He earned a Ph.D. in public policy analysis from the State University of New York at Binghamton.

FITZHUGH MULLAN, M.D., is the Murdock Head Professor of Medicine and Health Policy at the George Washington University School of Public Health and a Professor of Pediatrics at the George Washington University School of Medicine. He is also a member of the medical staff at the Upper Cardozo Community Health Center in Washington, D.C. Dr. Mullan graduated from Harvard University and the University of Chicago Medical School. He trained in pediatrics and, in 1972, went to New Mexico in the National Health Service Corps before returning to Washington to serve as Director of the program. In subsequent years, he served as a senior medical officer at the National Institutes of Health, as the Secretary of the Health for the state of New Mexico, and on the staff of the Surgeon General Koop. He was appointed Director of the Bureau of Health Professions in the Health Resources and Services Administration in 1990 and to the rank of Assistant Surgeon General (Rear Admiral) in 1991. He was a member of the President's Task Force on Health Care Reform and the Council on Graduate Medical Education. Dr. Mullan has written widely for both professional and general audiences on medical and health policy topics. His books include *White Coat Clenched Fist: The Political Education of an American Physician*, *Big Doctoring in America: Profiles in Primary Care*. He is a Contributing Editor of the journal *Health Affairs*. In recent years his research and policy work has focused on US and international health workforce problems. He is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

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EUGENE C. RICH, M.D., FACP, received his medical degree from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri in 1977 and completed residency and GIM fellowship at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Rich served as faculty member at the University of Minnesota School of Medicine and School of Public Health and became Chief of the Division of General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine in 1989, then in 1996, he moved to Creighton University School of Medicine, serving as Chair of Creighton's Department of Medicine from April 1996 through August 2006. Throughout his career, Dr. Rich has been active in research, academic administration, and public policy concerning medical education and health care. His research explores the influence of the practice environment on health professional decision-making with a particular focus on practice variation in general medical care. He is the author of over 100 publications in this area. Dr. Rich has been a frequent consultant to federal agencies, foundations, and managed care organizations. He served as Medical Director of the UniNet Healthcare Network, overseeing clinical integration, and care management activities for this 6 hospital/1000 physician PHO from 1999 to 2004. His previous national leadership roles include President of the Society of General Internal Medicine. He has a longstanding interest in national health care policy, has served on a variety of relevant national committees and work groups, and has published on health care policy issues. Selected for a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellowship in 2006, Dr. Rich recently completed a twelve month placement on Capitol Hill with the Health subcommittee staff of the House Committee on Ways and Means. Among his accomplishments on the Hill, Dr. Rich staffed the Ways and Means Committee work on legislation to expand Federal initiatives in clinical effectiveness research. Dr. Rich continues on leave from Creighton for another year, on an IPA agreement serving the NIH Director's Office of Science Policy as Senior Advisor.