

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

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BLACKFORD MIDDLETON, MD, MPH, MSc, FACP, FACMI, FHIMSS, is Director of Clinical Informatics Research & Development, and Chairman of the Center for Information Technology Leadership (CITL) at Partners Healthcare System, and Assistant Professor of Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, and of Health Policy and Management at the Harvard School of Public Health. At Partners, he leads software product management for the Partners EMR, patient portal, enterprise clinical decision support, and knowledge management services, and conducts clinical informatics research. He was a co-founder of CITL at Partners in 2002, and leads its research in value-based technology assessment. Prior to joining Partners Healthcare, and Harvard Medical School, he was Medical Director of Information Management and Technology at Stanford University Medical Center, and then he was Senior Vice President for Clinical Informatics and Chief Medical Officer for MedicaLogic/Medscape. Dr. Middleton was appointed by DHHS Secretary Mike Leavitt to serve on the National Committee of Vital and Health Statistics (NCHVS) in 2008, and serves on the American Health Information Community (AHIC). He serves also on the Board of Stewardship Trustees for the Catholic Health Initiatives health system, the Advisory Boards for Intercomponentware, Inc., and the Medical Knowledge Institute, the Connecting for Health Steering Committee at the Markle Foundation, and several Editorial Boards.

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SEAN TUNIS, MD, MSc., is the Founder and Director of the Center for Medical Technology Policy in San Francisco, where he works with health care decision makers, experts and stakeholders to improve the value of clinical research on new and existing medical technologies. He consults with a range of domestic and international health care organizations on issues of comparative effectiveness, evidence based medicine, clinical research and technology policy. Through September of 2005, Dr. Tunis was the Director of the Office of Clinical Standards and Quality and Chief Medical Officer at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). In this role, he had lead responsibility for clinical policy and quality for the Medicare and Medicaid programs, which provide health coverage to over 100 million US citizens. Dr. Tunis supervised the development of national coverage policies, quality standards for Medicare and Medicaid providers; quality measurement and public reporting initiatives, and the Quality Improvement Organization program. As Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Tunis served as the senior advisor to the CMS Administrator on clinical and scientific policy. He also co-chaired the CMS Council on Technology and Innovation. Dr. Tunis joined CMS in 2000 as the Director of the Coverage and Analysis Group. Before joining CMS, Dr. Tunis was a senior research scientist with the Technology Assessment Group, where his focus was on the design and implementation of prospective comparative effectiveness trials and clinical registries. Dr. Tunis also served as the Director of the Health Program at the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment and as a health policy advisor to the U.S. Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, where he participated in policy development regarding pharmaceutical and device regulation. He received a B.S. degree in Biology and History of Science from the Cornell University School of Agriculture, and a medical degree and masters in Health Services Research from the Stanford University School of Medicine. Dr. Tunis did his residency training at UCLA and the University of Maryland in Emergency Medicine and Internal Medicine. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and holds adjunct faculty positions at Johns Hopkins and Stanford University Schools of Medicine.