

***Breakfast Discussion on
The Relationship among
Healthcare Spending, the Supply of Health Services,
Quality & Outcomes***

With

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**Monday, February 26th, 2007
9:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.
400 SE, State Capitol**

Dr. Fisher will discuss evidence on the causes of differences in spending and quality -- and the implications for policy and practice. He has documented differences in per-capita Medicare spending across U.S. regions that are independent of both local medical prices or underlying illness levels. Recent studies indicate that regions with higher cost practice patterns provide lower quality care and achieve worse health outcomes for Medicare enrollees.

As well, Dr. Fisher has conducted research, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, examining the potential adverse consequences of increasing capacity in health care.

How do these findings relate to state health policy and considerations for health care reform?

Dr. Elliott Fisher is a Professor of Medicine and Community and Family Medicine at the Dartmouth Medical School, as well as a general internist and Co-Director of the VA Outcomes Group at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in White River Junction, Vermont.

Please R.S.V.P. by Monday, February 19th to Sara Gustafson, UW Population Health Institute, at (608) 262-6318 or segustafson@wisc.edu.

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