

*A UW Evidence-Based Health Policy Project Breakfast Briefing*  
**Accountable Care Organizations:  
A Path Forward to Quality and Savings**

Thursday, February 19, 2009  
9:00 am – 10:30 am  
*State Capitol, 412 East*

**Agenda**

- ◆ Welcome
- ◆ Introduction by Patrick Remington, University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute
- ◆ Presentation by Elliott Fisher, Dartmouth Medical School
- ◆ Questions and Answers

Dr. Fisher is Professor of Medicine and Community and Family Medicine at Dartmouth Medical School and Associate Director of the Center for Health Policy Research at the Dartmouth Institute for Health Care Policy and Clinical Practice. He received his undergraduate and medical degrees from Harvard University and completed his residency in internal medicine at the University of Washington, where he also was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar and received a Master's in Public Health. At Dartmouth, Dr. Fisher was a founding director, and is now a Senior Associate, of the VA Outcomes Group and he leads the Institute's work on population health and health policy. Dr. Fisher has recently been named to replace John Wennberg as Director of the Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care.

Dr. Fisher's research focuses on exploring the causes of the two fold differences in spending observed across U.S. regions and health care systems -- and the consequences of these variations for health and health care. His work demonstrating that higher spending regions and health systems do not achieve better outcomes or quality has had a major impact on current thinking about health care and health care reform. This work is the source of the widely cited assertion that the U.S. wastes at least 30% of current spending on unneeded and possibly harmful care. Dr. Fisher has served on the National Advisory Council of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and now chairs a committee of the National Quality Forum charged with the development and implementation of a new measurement framework to improve health outcomes and the value of health care services. He is a member of the Institute of Medicine.

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