



**NIHCM**  
FOUNDATION

## The National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) Research and Educational Foundation

### MISSION

The National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) Research and Educational Foundation is a non-profit and non-partisan organization whose mission is to promote improvements in health care access, management and quality. NIHCM Foundation conducts research and fosters dialogue and partnerships between the public and private health sectors to find creative and workable solutions to health system problems.

### CURRENT RESEARCH PRIORITIES

NIHCM Foundation is engaged in research and educational projects in the following issue areas:

- Obesity
- Health Information Technology
- Maternal and Children's Health
- Prevention in Managed Care
- The Uninsured
- Consumerism in Health Care
- Geographic Disparities

For a more detailed list, please visit our website at [www.nihcm.org](http://www.nihcm.org)

### HIGHLIGHTED PROJECTS

- Following publication of its April 2005 Report, *Health Plans Emerging as Pragmatic Partners in Fight Against Obesity*, NIHCM Foundation conducted a Leadership Forum in Atlanta in March 2006. CMOs and Medical Directors from six health plans met with leading CDC experts to discuss how the public and private sectors can work together to build the evidence base related to effective obesity interventions.

- NIHCM Foundation is conducting an ongoing series of Leadership Forums on the diffusion and adoption of health IT and the evolution of regional health information organizations (RHIOs) sponsored by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
- NIHCM Foundation continued its maternal and children's health work by organizing a January 2006 conference on adolescent health under a Health and Human Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant. *Making the Case for Adolescent and Young Adult Health: A National Imperative* was published in July 2006.
- NIHCM Foundation hosted a working session of experts in September 2005, *Capturing Value by Managing Excess Capacity: Opportunities, Challenges and Practical Approaches*, based on the groundbreaking work by Drs. Elliott Fisher and John Wennberg.

### OTHER RESEARCH INTERESTS

NIHCM Foundation maintains interest in and has published research on a variety of other topics including:

- Health System Data Needs for Decisionmakers
- The Role of Government in Health Care Quality
- Medical Necessity and Benefit Coverage Determinations
- Managed Care and Public Programs
- Individual Insurance Markets and Health Care Reform
- States and the Private Sector: Leading Health Care Reform in Rural Health
- Hospital Consolidation

## EXPERT VOICES

NIHCM Foundation disseminates innovative health care research and ideas through this “quick read” publication series. Recent publications include:

- Dr. Judith Hibbard on engaging consumers in quality issues
- Dr. Tilman Ehrbeck on consumer-driven health care
- Dr. Elliott Fisher on regional differences in health care spending

## RESEARCH & JOURNALISM AWARDS

The NIHCM Foundation promotes excellence in health care journalism and health services research through annual cash prizes for outstanding health care reporting and research in health care policy and/or management. Independent panels of judges select the winners.

## CLEARINGHOUSE

The NIHCM Foundation provides information on a range of health policy issues to the media, policy makers and legislators. The Foundation’s research and work has been cited over 3,000 times and has appeared in most major mass media outlets in the U.S. as well as many professional journals.

# ABOUT US

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## FUNDING

Funding to support NIHCM Foundation research and educational activities has been received from the following organizations:

- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
- Blue Cross and Blue Shield Health Plans
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Commonwealth Fund
- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

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