

From Crisis to Cure: Revitalizing America's Healthcare System

Geisinger has invited some of the greatest minds in healthcare and other related disciplines to participate in an interactive conversation about the future of health in America. The invitation-only event, held Nov. 8, 9 and 10 on the Danville, Pennsylvania campus of Geisinger Medical Center, brings together a panel of the nation's leading experts on policy, patient experience, wellness and technology.

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Gail R. Wilensky, PhD is an economist and senior fellow at Project HOPE, an international health foundation. She directed the Medicare and Medicaid programs and served in the White House as a senior adviser on health and welfare issues to President GHW Bush. She was also the first chair of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission. Her expertise is on strategies to reform healthcare, with particular emphasis on Medicare, comparative effectiveness research and military healthcare.



Dr. Wilensky currently serves as a trustee of the Combined Benefits Fund of the United Mine Workers of America and the National Opinion Research Center, is on the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) and the Board of Directors of the Geisinger Health System Foundation. She is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine and has served two terms on its governing council. She is a former chair of the board of directors of Academy Health, a former trustee of the American Heart Association and a current or former director of numerous other nonprofit organizations. She is also a director on Quest Diagnostics and United Health Group boards. Dr. Wilensky testifies frequently before Congressional committees, serves as an adviser to members of Congress and other elected officials, and speaks nationally and internationally. She received a bachelor's degree in psychology and a PhD in economics at the University of Michigan and has received several honorary degrees.