

## **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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### **Governor Howard Dean**

Founder, Democracy for America

Governor Howard Dean, former DNC Chairman, presidential candidate, six term governor and a physician, currently works as a part time independent consultant focusing on the areas of health care, early childhood development, alternative energy and the expansion of grassroots politics around the world.

Dean serves as a MSNBC contributor and is the founder of Democracy for America, a progressive online organization with one million members nationwide. DFA works to elect more progressive candidates to local, state and national office by providing the tools to create change.



Dean Currently serves on the Board of the National Democratic Institute, a democracy building organization chaired by former Secretary of State Madeline Albright. He has extensive experience in Southeastern Europe including in Ukraine, Moldova, and the Balkans. He also has an extensive knowledge of Iraqi and Iranian affairs, and has spent time in China and Myanmar as a result of his NDI activities. He has been active in anti-human trafficking efforts in Asia and in the United States. He lectures frequently in Europe, and is currently teaching a course on the politics of American foreign policy at the Jackson Institute at Yale. He also teaches at Hofstra University's Kalikow Institute for the Study of the Presidency and the University of Vermont.

Respected on both sides of the political aisle, Dean was chairman of the National Governors' Association and the Democratic Governors' Association. Dean left office in Vermont to run for president in 2003 and implemented innovative fundraising strategies such as use of the Internet.

As chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Dean created and implemented the "50 State Strategy" and the development of 21<sup>st</sup> century campaign tools. Dean is credited with helping Democrats make historic gains in 2006 and 2008.

Before entering politics, Dean graduated from Yale University with a B.A. in political science in 1971, and received his medical degree from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City in 1978. Upon completing his residency at the Medical Center Hospital of Vermont, he went on to practice internal medicine in Shelburne, Vermont.