



The Intersection of Cost and Quality: How Will We Pay for Quality Health Care?

17th Annual Best Practices Conference
December 3, 2015

Time	Events	Location
8:00 – 8:30 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast	Eden Vale Foyer
8:30 – 8:45 am	Welcome and Conference Overview Conference Co-Chairs: Cindy McGrath (GIC) and James Sullivan (Mercer)	Eden Vale Ballroom
8:45 – 9:45 am	<u>What's New in Health Care – The Opportunities and the Challenges Ahead</u>	
Keynote Speaker	Andrew Webber, President and CEO, Maine Health Management Coalition As president and CEO of Maine's statewide, non-profit, purchaser-led coalition, Mr. Webber has helped push for health care performance measurement and public reporting. An advocate of advancing the triple aim of better health care at lower costs, Mr. Webber is well versed on the difficulties of changing the current health care delivery system. He will help set the stage for the day's events and give attendees food for thought on how we can pay for quality health care.	
9:45 – 10:15 am	Break – Please visit our Sponsors	Eden Vale Foyer
10:15 – 11:45 am	<u>Prescription Drugs: Miracle Cures and Skyrocketing Costs – How Will We Pay?</u>	
Keynote Speaker & Panel Moderator	Dr. Jerry Avorn, Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School and Chief, Division of Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacoeconomics, Brigham and Women's Hospital The panel will discuss how spending on pharmacy continues to consume an expanding share of U.S. healthcare costs, with the rapid growth of specialty drugs emerging as a significant topic of concern. In fact, with increased FDA approvals for specialty drugs, drug makers near-monopoly pricing, and the growing need for effective treatments, experts project that spending on specialty drugs will skyrocket over the next decade, intensifying the cost and access trade-offs that payers and purchasers already face. In addition, industry consolidation is helping to drive up the costs of brand name and generic drugs. Dr. Avorn is author of <i>Powerful Medicines: The Benefits, Risks and Costs of Prescription Drugs</i> .	

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The panel will discuss:

- Who will pay
- How to achieve affordable access to life changing innovation for employers and consumers
- How the pharmacy market dynamics and cost trends of all drugs can be effectively managed to assure a sustainable health care system

Panelists:

- Dr. Susan Maddux, Chief Pharmacy Officer, UnitedHealthcare Pharmacy
- Joan O'Rourke, Vice President Specialty Program Management, Specialty Pharmacy Programs, CVS Health
- Hiram Satterwhite, Principal, Actuarial and Financial Group and Managed Pharmacy Practice, Mercer
- Ross Thompson, Executive Director of Pharmacy, Tufts Medical Center

11:45 am – 12:30 pm Lunch

12:30 – 12:45 pm **Dessert & Coffee – Please visit our Sponsors** Eden Vale Foyer

12:45 – 1:00	Rising Star Award Presentations Karen Hunter, President, NEEBC Board of Directors	Eden Vale Ballroom
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Rising Star Award Winners:

Dawn Condry, HR Benefits Representative, EMC

Erin Devine, Benefits Specialist, CBG Benefits

Jessica Lord, Benefits Manager, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

1:00 – 3:30 pm **“Best Practices” Showcase and Award Presentations**

Patty Houpt, Executive Director, NEEBC

Best Practices Award Winners:

EnerNOC, Inc.

Holly Lynch, SVP, Human Resources

Gabriela Spear, Director, Benefits, Comp & HRIS

Kronos

David Almeda, SVP, Chief People Officer

Liberty Mutual

Charles Claudio, Assistant Vice President and
Director, Retirement Programs

Tufts Health Plan

Katherine Miles, Supervisor, Compensation & Wellness Programs

Andrew Weeks, Wellness Program Manager,
Premise Health

3:30 – 5:00 pm **Holiday Cocktail Reception and Prize Drawing** Eden Vale Foyer
Celebrate the Holiday Season at the afternoon cocktail reception.
Enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, complimentary soft drinks, a cash bar, and
the opportunity to network and celebrate the season with friends and
colleagues.

Special thanks to the planning committee and volunteers:

Robin Antonellis, Dana Farber Cancer Institute
Theresa Flynn, Strategic Benefit Advisors, Inc.
Scott Kirschner, Iron Mountain
Erin Lenox, Willis
Cynthia McGrath, Group Insurance Commission (Co-Chair)
Bill Mauke, Zillion
Stephen Popper, SageView Advisory Group
James Sullivan, Mercer (Co-Chair)

SAVE THE DATE Friday, June 10, 2016 SAVE THE DATE

2016 NEEBC Benefits Fair and Trade Show at the Newton Marriott

Thank you for joining us today. We hope to see you at another NEEBC event soon!