

The Panelists

Andrew Holtz*, MPH, Moderator. A former CNN medical correspondent, Andrew Holtz is an independent journalist covering health and medicine. His work has appeared on PBS, Oregon Public Broadcasting, TLC, TV programs in Japan and Britain, magazines and web sites such as ReutersHealth.com. Holtz is the President of the Association of Health Care Journalists and a member of the Multnomah County Bicycle and Pedestrian Citizen's Advisory Committee. Holtz served as the Guest Forum Editor of Oregon's Future Public Health and Healthcare Forum.

Tina Castañares*, MD. Dr. Castañares is a family physician, healthcare consultant, and government relations coordinator for a federally qualified community and migrant health center in Oregon. Since 1981 she has served as a clinician and medical director in two other migrant and community health centers. She was the health officer for rural Hood River County for 12 years helping to develop and direct several community programs. Dr. Castañares is one of the original 11 members of the Oregon Health Services Commission.

Colin Cave, MD, President, Oregon Medical Association. The OMA has vigorously advocated for the medical community, helping to ensure that physicians may continue to practice medicine in their patients' best interests. Dr. Cave is a practicing head and neck surgeon and a clinical instructor in head and neck surgery at OHSU. He received his MD from University of California, San Francisco and did his residency at Stanford.

Donalda Dodson, RN, MPH, Administrator, Office of Family Health. Ms. Dodson has 30 years of public health experience in both State and Local Health Departments. From 1969 through 1996 Ms. Dodson served as the manager and supervisor of the Marion County Health Department. She has a strong background in maternal child health service systems, including supervision, program development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation including programs in family planning, infant and child health, teen pregnancy prevention, and HIV.

Bruce Goldberg, MD, Administrator, Oregon Health Policy & Research. Dr. Goldberg is a family physician and has devoted his entire professional career to public health policy and to improving the organization and delivery of health services to vulnerable populations. He received his MD from Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. In 1994 he was a U.S. Primary Care Policy Fellow.

Mel Kohn, MD, MPH*, State Epidemiologist. For the last four years, Dr. Kohn, a board-certified pediatrician, has been the Administrator of the Office of Disease Prevention & Epidemiology. He has nearly 10 years of experience in public health including two years as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Kohn received a BA from Yale, MD from Harvard, and MPH from Tulane.

Representative Jeff Kruse*, House District 7, Republican, Roseburg. Rep. Kruse has served in the State Legislature since 1997 and has been the chair of the House Health & Human Services Committee since 1999. Rep. Kruse is co-owner of Kruse Farms and has an economics degree from Willamette University. His other committee assignments include water and environment, salmon recovery and stream restoration, agency performance, and agriculture.

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Keith Marton, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Legacy Health System. Dr. Marton, joined Legacy in his present position in 1998. Dr. Marton's previous experience includes Vice President, Catholic Healthcare West, St. Mary's Medical Center in San Francisco and Clinical Professor of Medicine, UC San Francisco. Dr. Marton has served as a full-time faculty member at Stanford and Harvard Medical Schools. He was also a fellow in the Robert Wood Johnson clinical scholars program.

David Mason, MD, Senior VP, Clinical Development & Regulatory Affairs, AVI BioPharma (since left). Dr. Mason joined AVI as Senior Vice President of Clinical Development and Regulatory Affairs in November 2000, applying 20 years of clinical research in cancer, cardiovascular and infectious diseases on the staff of a several pharmaceutical companies, most recently as Vice President of Medical Affairs for Elan Pharmaceuticals. Dr. Mason has also held academic positions at the University of Michigan and George Washington.

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