

## **David Blumenthal, M.D., M.P.P.**

David Blumenthal, M.D., M.P.P. was named National Coordinator for Health Information Technology at the Department of Health and Human Services in March, 2009. Previously, he was Director of the Institute for Health Policy and Physician at The Massachusetts General Hospital/Partners HealthCare System in Boston, Massachusetts. He is also Samuel O. Thier Professor of Medicine and Professor of Health Care Policy at Harvard Medical School.

From 1987-1991 he was Senior Vice President at Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital, a 720-bed Harvard teaching hospital. From 1981 to 1987 he was Executive Director of the Center for Health Policy and Management and Lecturer on Public Policy at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. During the late 1970s, Dr. Blumenthal was a professional staff member on Senator Edward Kennedy's Senate Subcommittee on Health and Scientific Research.

He is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, a National Associate of the National Academy of Sciences, and until his recent appointment had served on several editorial boards, including the American Journal of Medicine and Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law. He was also a National Correspondent for The New England Journal of Medicine. He served on advisory committees to the National Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Medicine, the National Academy of Social Insurance, the Open Society Institute and other foundations.

Dr. Blumenthal was the founding chairman of AcademyHealth (formerly the Academy for Health Services Research and Health Policy), the national organization of health services researchers. He was also founding Director of the Harvard University Interfaculty Program for Health Systems Improvement. He is recipient of the Distinguished Investigator Award from AcademyHealth, and a Doctor of Humane Letters from Rush University. He was a Senior Advisor to the Obama campaign in health policy. He has served as a trustee of the University of Chicago Health System and a trustee of the University of Pennsylvania Health System (Penn Medicine).

His research interests include the dissemination of health information technology, quality management in health care, the determinants of physician behavior, access to health services, and the extent and consequences of academic-industrial relationships in the health sciences.