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Program Participants

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Glenn D. Steele Jr., M.D., president and CEO of Geisinger Health System, a physician-led health care system dedicated to health care, education, research and service, serving 2.5 million people. Widely recognized for his investigations into the treatment of primary and metastatic liver cancer and colorectal cancer surgery, Steele is former chair of the American Board of Surgery. He is the author or co-author of more than 460 scientific and professional articles.

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Devon Herrick, Ph.D., senior fellow of the National Center for Policy Analysis. Herrick holds advanced degrees in finance and economics, and is an expert on 21st-century medicine, including the evolution of Internet-based medicine, consumer-driven health care and key changes in the global health market. Herrick currently concentrates his work on critical health care issues, including health insurance and the uninsured, patient empowerment and trends in state health policy reform.

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