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AcademyHealth:

- Convenes national scientific and health policy conferences;
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- Disseminates vital information through special reports and findings, research syntheses, newsletters, and its Web site;
- Supports grant making activities of major foundations; and
- Recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the fields of health services research and health policy.

AcademyHealth serves as a national program office, contractor or resident program host for a select group of foundation and government agency programs that strengthen the field of health services research and stimulate demand for research among policymakers and practitioners and improve the supply of research to address health policy challenges. These include:

- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
- The Commonwealth Fund
- MacArthur Foundation
- National Library of Medicine
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

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Strengthening HSR

AcademyHealth works to improve both the supply and quality of health services research by expanding and improving the scientific basis of the field, increasing the capabilities and skills of researchers, and promoting the development of the necessary infrastructure of financial, human, and data resources.

Dissemination & Research Translation

AcademyHealth disseminates research results, assists with the translation of findings and experience into useful formats for decision makers, and works to facilitate communication between health services researchers and policymakers.

Expert Technical Assistance

AcademyHealth provides high quality policy and technical assistance to policymakers at all levels. We offer educational programs to advance the use of policy analysis and research, and work to identify areas where additional research and information are needed.

GROWTH



Professional Development

AcademyHealth fosters networking, professional growth, and development among a diverse membership that includes health services researchers, decision-makers, policy professionals, consultants, clinicians, and students. Through conferences, professional development resources, topic-specific Interest Groups, and access to leading journals, AcademyHealth members examine, debate, and research problems and solutions related to improving quality of care, patient safety, cost and access, and all aspects of federal and state health policy.

In addition, AcademyHealth provides resources, such as the HSRMethods.org Web site, to improve the understanding, use and discussion of health services research. These activities are overseen by an expert methods council, which also guides our program of methods seminars for members and non-members alike.

“Over the years, I have remained an enthusiastic participant in AcademyHealth programs because they keep me abreast of emerging issues in health services research and policy. It is one of the few organizations that systematically brings together researchers from multiple disciplinary backgrounds and decision makers from across the political spectrum to grapple with our health systems’ challenges.”

UWE REINHARDT, PH.D.

James Madison Professor of Political Economy
Professor of Economics and Public Affairs, Princeton University

ACTION



Knowledge Broker

AcademyHealth’s substantive expertise and independent reputation allow us to bring together key stakeholders from the public and private sectors in a non-partisan environment to address critical health policy issues. As a professional society, AcademyHealth’s membership encompasses a broad spectrum of experts who can inform policy discussion as participants and advisors and who can disseminate results to key stakeholders. Our capabilities include:

- Research, policy analysis, and translation
- Technical assistance and consulting
- Educational programs and workshops
- Research agenda development and implementation

IDEAS



Premier Meetings and Conferences

Through national conferences and topical forums, AcademyHealth showcases the best research and analysis from the field of health services research and demonstrates how this timely information can be used to inform decision-making.

More than 2,000 researchers, policymakers, and health care practitioners gather each June to share the latest research, learn new methodologies, debate critical health care issues, learn about funding sources, and network with colleagues at our Annual Research Meeting, the premier forum for health services research.

Each February, federal and state officials, health care scholars, business leaders, and commentators provide in-depth analysis of critical health policy concerns and offer an insider’s preview of the nation’s health policy agenda for the year ahead at the National Health Policy Conference.

Individuals interested in how health policy is developed and implemented in our nation’s capital gather in the fall for the Health Policy Orientation “Behind the Scenes of Decision-Making in Washington.” This small, three-and-a-half day seminar provides an in-depth introduction to key players, formal and informal policymaking processes, and critical health policy issues.

PERSPECTIVE



International Exchange

AcademyHealth provides opportunities for U.S. policymakers, practitioners and researchers to learn about health policy developments abroad and address issues of shared concern. We work with a broad range of partners on activities that include: comparative health services research and policy analysis, educational programs, and international health policy tours and national conferences.

REPRESENTATION



The Voice of HSR in Washington

AcademyHealth’s advocacy arm—the Coalition for Health Services Research—lobbies for increased access to data and resources essential to our field and continued, adequate funding for federal agencies supporting health services research.

The Coalition involves AcademyHealth members in the federal legislative process and works in partnership with other key stakeholders for health services research and health data, including providers, patients, businesses, academic health centers, universities, and health plans to advance the Coalition’s goals. www.chsr.org

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