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CASE ALL-STAR SYMPOSIUM TO EXPLORE ISSUES OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY, AND RESTORING MOVEMENT IN VICTIMS OF PARALYSIS
Harvard’s Daniel Federman to Deliver Keynote Address

CLEVELAND - Polls show that the state of the nation’s health care system is among the nation’s voters top concerns, so when Vice President Richard Cheney and Senator John Edwards meet in the vice presidential debate October 5 at Case Western Reserve University, questions about health care are almost certain to come up.

The issues of health care quality, cost and access will be discussed as part of the Case All-Star Symposium Monday, October 4 from 1-5 p.m. at the InterContinental Hotel and Conference Center, 9801 Carnegie Ave. The symposium is free and open to the public but advance registration is required.

The symposium will begin with a keynote address from Daniel D. Federman, senior dean for alumni relations and clinical teaching and former dean for medical education at the Harvard Medical School. The talk will be followed by two concurrent panels, “Access, Quality and Cost: Health Care for Our Nation’s Citizens” and “Moving After Paralysis” from 2:15-4:15. The event will end with a reception from 4:15-5:30.

The “Access, Quality and Cost” discussion will explore new advances in technology and research in the context of the need to balance the cost, quality and access to health care. Panelists will include Bruce Bradley, director of health plan strategy and public policy for General Motors Health Care Initiatives; Alan Breier, vice president for medical and chief medical officer for Eli Lilly and Company; Regina E. Herzlinger, the Nancy R. McPherson Professor of Business Administration at Harvard Business School; Ralph Horwitz, vice president for medical affairs, dean of the Case School of Medicine and director of the Case
Research Institute; **Theodore R. Marmor**, professor of public policy and management at Yale University; and **John Rother**, director of policy and strategy for the American Association of Retired Persons. **Ceci Connolly**, a national staff writer for the *Washington Post*, will moderate.

Paralysis and disorders of movement can be caused by injury to the spinal cord or brain, leaving millions of Americans with severe disabilities and physical challenges. Neural teams of engineers, neuroscientists, and clinicians are working to restore and control movement using electrical stimulation and cellular therapies. These researchers aim to make these technologies a viable solution for people with disabilities.

“Moving After Paralysis” will explore advances in restoring neural function and will be moderated by **William Heetderks**, associate director for Extramural Scientific Programs at the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB). Panelists will include **John P. Donoghue**, chair of the department of neuroscience at Brown University and founder of Cyberkinetics; **Dominique Durand**, Case professor of biomedical engineering and neurosciences; **Robert Miller**, Case professor of neuroscience; **P. Hunter Peckham**, Case professor of biomedical engineering and orthopaedics at Case and director of the Cleveland Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES) Center; and **Jerrold L. Vitek**, co-chairman of the Center for Neurological Restoration at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. Best of all, the latest research findings will be revealed at this session.

For more information or to register, go to [http://www.case.edu/vpdebate/content/allstar_symposium.htm](http://www.case.edu/vpdebate/content/allstar_symposium.htm).

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