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The Health And Cost Implications Of Atrial Fibrillation

Hall of the States Building 444 North Capitol Street NW Room 231
December 11, 2009 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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Moderator

Atrial fibrillation, the most common heart rhythm disorder, can lead to heart attack and stroke, especially in older individuals. With incidence of atrial fibrillation increasing, costs to the health care system – now estimated at \$6.65 billion a year – also will rise. How can knowledge about this condition and those at risk be made more widely known? How can the focus be shifted from treatment to prevention?

8:00 a.m. coffee

Opening remarks: Moderator [8:30 – 8:35]

Atrial Fibrillation from the Patient Perspective [8:35 – 8:55]

Marina Vernalis, MD, Cardiologist, Walter Reed Army Medical Center

Fred Sanford, MD, Former Director, AMSUS

Open Discussion [8:55 – 9:40]

Clinical and Research Considerations in Atrial Fibrillation [9:40 – 10:10]

John Kugler, MD, Chief Medical Officer, TriCare Management Activity

Ross Fletcher, MD, Chief of Staff, Washington, D.C., VA Medical Center

Alice Mascette, MD, Chief, Heart Failure and Arrhythmia Branch, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute

Open Discussion [10:10 – 10:55]

Break [10:55 – 11:05]

The Future: Focus on Collaboration and Prevention [11:05 – 11:25]

Steve Phurrough, MD, Medical Officer, Center for Outcomes and Evidence, AHRQ

Yuling Hong, MD, PhD, Associate Director for Science, Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, CDC

Targeted discussion on meshing research, treatment and policy [11:25 – 12:20]

Closing observations: Moderator [12:20 – 12:30]