



Rethinking Health Care: Insights from Population-Based Outcomes Assessment

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The United States has the most expensive health care system in the world. Less well known is the remarkable regional variability in spending and practice observed within the U.S. Dr. Fisher will summarize the findings of recent research showing that higher spending within the US is associated with no better – and often worse – quality and outcomes. He will then discuss the underlying causes of poor performance and the implications for health policy and clinical research. The recommendations for policy reforms have broad implications and highlight the importance of thinking clearly about how to create a "learning" health care system.