

Speaker Biographies



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Professor Ikegami is a board member of *interRAI* (a non-profit international consortium of researchers and clinicians focused on care planning instruments), *Priorities in Health Care*, and the Japanese Society on Hospital Administration. He has served as consultant to the WHO and the World Bank, and has also sat on various national and state government committees. He is Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Hospital Administration* (the official journal of the Japanese Society of Hospital Administration), and sits on the editorial boards of the *International Journal of Technology Assessment in Health Care* (Cambridge University Press), the *Journal of Mental Health Policy and Economics*, the *International Journal of Health Care Finance and Economics*, and *Value in Health*. His research areas are health policy, long-term care and pharmacoeconomics.



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Dr. Clarke is president and chief executive officer of the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA), Westchester, IL, a professional membership association with more than 31,000 members in 70 chapters who share an interest in the financial management of the delivery of healthcare services. He has held this position since June 1986. Dr. Clarke served as the chairman of the board of the AHA Financial Solutions, Inc. (a wholly owned subsidiary of the American Hospital Association) and in 2003, was appointed to the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's Seventh District Advisory Council.

Mr. Clarke has written numerous articles on healthcare finance and co-authored the books: *Capitalizing Medical Groups: Positioning Physicians for the Future*; *The Crisis in Health Care: Costs, Choices and Strategies*; and *Beyond Managed Care: How Consumers and Technology are Changing the Future of Health Care*. He was recently voted one of the 100 most powerful persons in American healthcare in a *Modern Healthcare* magazine poll.