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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease and Emory University to Host Event Featuring National Leaders in Health Care: *Fighting Chronic Disease: The Missing Link in Health Reform*

**WHAT:** Half-day symposium bringing together top health policy experts, Congressional leaders, and members of the media, business, labor, and health care communities, to discuss the growing crisis of chronic disease and how it impacts efforts to improve health and health care in the U.S.

**WHO:** Hosted by: **Kenneth Thorpe**, Ph.D., Executive Director, Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease; Executive Director, Emory Institute for Advanced Policy Solutions; and Chair, Department of Health Policy and Management, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University

Featuring:

- **Tom Daschle**, Former Senate Majority Leader (*Keynote Speaker*)
- **Dick Gephardt**, JD, Former House Majority Leader
- **Nancy Johnson**, Former Congresswoman and Ways & Means Health Subcommittee Chair
- **Mark McClellan**, MD, Ph.D., Director of the Engelberg Center for Health Care Reform
- **Otis Brawley**, MD, Chief Medical Officer of the American Cancer Society
- **Mary Agnes Carey**, Associate Editor, *CQ HealthBeat*
- **Jeanne Cummings**, Chief Lobbying and Money Correspondent, *Politico*
- **Pat Ford-Roegner**, MSW, RN, FAAN, CEO of the American Academy of Nursing
- **John Harwood**, Chief Washington Correspondent of CNBC and Political Writer for *New York Times*
- **Patrick Mattingly**, MD, Chief Medical Officer of Health Dialog
- **Gwen Mayes**, JD, MMSc, WomenHeart Patient Advocate
- **Laura Meckler**, *Wall Street Journal* reporter
- **Nancy Nielsen**, MD, Ph.D., President-elect of the American Medical Association
- **Chris Viehbacher**, President of North American Pharmaceuticals, GlaxoSmithKline
- **Andy Stern**, President of Service Employees International Union (*Video Message*)
- **James Wagner**, Ph.D., President of Emory University (*Video Message*)

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 5, 2008  
8:30 am – 1:00 pm

**WHERE:** The Willard InterContinental Hotel  
The Crystal Room  
1401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004

The **PFCD** is a national and state-based coalition of more than 100 patients, providers, community organizations, business, labor and health policy experts, committed to raising awareness of policies and practices that save lives and reduce health costs through more effective prevention and management of chronic disease. Please visit our Web site at [www.fightchronicdisease.org](http://www.fightchronicdisease.org).

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