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IHI BOARD APPOINTS NEW CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS, ALL RENOWNED LEADERS IN HEALTH CARE

Gary S. Kaplan, MD, Becomes Chair; Elliott S. Fisher, MD, Helen Haskell, and Arnold Milstein, MD, Join the Board

Cambridge, MA – April 30, 2012 – The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) announced today that Gary S. Kaplan, MD, has been named the new Chair of the IHI Board of Directors, succeeding A. Blanton Godfrey, who has held the position since 2009. Elliott S. Fisher, MD, Helen Haskell, and Arnold Milstein, MD, join the Board effective May 1. All have substantial health care leadership experience with distinctly different areas of focus and expertise.

Gary S. Kaplan, MD, FACP, FACMPE, FACPE, who has been a member of the IHI Board of Directors since 2007, is Chairman and CEO of the Virginia Mason Health System in Seattle, where he is also a practicing physician in internal medicine. He is a founding member of Health CEOs for Health Reform and has been recognized nationally for his health care leadership. In 2009, Dr. Kaplan received the John M. Eisenberg Award from the National Quality Forum and The Joint Commission for individual achievement at the national level for his outstanding work and commitment to patient safety and quality.

Elliott S. Fisher, MD, MPH, is the James W. Squires, MD Professor at Dartmouth Medical School and Director for Population Health and Policy at The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice. Dr. Fisher's research has focused on exploring the causes of the two-fold differences in spending observed across U.S. regions and health care systems, on understanding the consequences of these variations for health and health care, and on the development and testing of performance measurement approaches and payment reforms that can support improvement. He is the Co-Principal Director of the Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care and a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

Helen Haskell is Founder and President of Mothers Against Medical Error (MAME), a South Carolina-based group dedicated to improving patient safety and providing support for patients who have experienced medical injury. MAME collaborates on a national and international level with other consumer and professional organizations on patient-oriented quality improvement programs, including infection disclosure and prevention, patient-activated rapid response systems, and disclosure of medical error, among others. In 2005, Helen Haskell helped organize a coalition of patients, policymakers, and health care providers to pass the Lewis Blackman Patient Safety Act, the first of several South Carolina legislative initiatives addressing health care safety and transparency.

Arnold Milstein, MD, MPH, is Medical Director at the Pacific Business Group on Health (PBGH), one of the nation's leading non-profit business coalitions focused on health care. He is also the National Health Care Thought Leader at Mercer, where his work focuses on improving managed care programs for large purchasers and government. Recently, Dr. Milstein was appointed a tenured Professor of Medicine at Stanford University, where he will establish a new research center dedicated to accelerating innovations in health care delivery. Since January 2002, he has also served on the Strategic Advisory Council of the National Quality Forum. He was elected to the Institute of Medicine in October 2006.

"I'm enormously grateful for Blanton Godfrey's masterful leadership as IHI's Chair and pleased that he will have such an extraordinary successor in Gary Kaplan," said Maureen Bisognano, IHI's President and Chief Executive Officer. "Gary is well-known for his accomplishments in health care improvement, and his insights and expertise will be of even greater value to IHI as our Board Chair. At this juncture in health care, the appointment of Gary and additions of Elliott Fisher, Helen Haskell, and Arnold Milstein provide critical expertise to advance IHI's work in our four key areas of work: optimizing health care delivery systems, achieving the triple aim for populations, realizing patient and family-centered care and building improvement capability worldwide."

In addition to Board Chair Gary Kaplan, MD, and new Board members Elliott S. Fisher, MD, Helen Haskell, and Arnold Milstein, MD, the IHI Board of Directors includes:

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The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (www.IHI.org) is an independent not-for-profit organization that works with health care providers and leaders throughout the world to achieve safe and effective health care. IHI focuses on motivating and building the will for change, identifying and testing new models of care in partnership with both patients and health care professionals, and ensuring the broadest possible adoption of best practices and effective innovations. Based in Cambridge, Massachusetts, IHI mobilizes teams, organizations, and increasingly nations, through its staff of more than 100 people and partnerships with hundreds of faculty around the world.

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