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**MEXICO'S FORMER SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL HEALTH COUNCIL  
JOINS IHI AS SENIOR FELLOW**

**Dr. Enrique Ruelas Increases IHI's Engagement with Global Improvement  
and Global Health Care Leaders**

**Cambridge, MA – September 6, 2011** – The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) announced today that Dr. Enrique Ruelas, the former Secretary of the General Health Council of Mexico, has been named an IHI Senior Fellow. The position of Secretary of the General Health Council in Mexico is similar to the position of the U.S. Surgeon General.

A renowned leader in quality improvement and management of health care systems, Dr. Ruelas is also the Vice President of the National Academy of Medicine in Mexico – in line to become the Academy's President – as well as President of the Latin American Society for Quality in Health Care (SOLACASA). He has served as the Vice Minister of Health-Quality and Innovation in the Ministry of Health of Mexico and as the President of the International Society for Quality in Health Care.

“Enrique Ruelas has extraordinary experience in health care management and quality improvement in Latin America, and we are thrilled that he will be sharing that knowledge with IHI as a Senior Fellow,” said Maureen Bisognano, president and CEO of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement. “We at IHI are engaged in health care improvement on five continents and are eager to draw on Enrique's expertise.”

“IHI is at the forefront of quality improvement in health care around the world, and I'm very pleased to join their efforts,” said Dr. Ruelas. “Together we will work toward the goal of improving health and health care globally.”

[IHI Senior Fellows](#) are experienced and influential leaders with national and international reputations who play a key role in strategic development and planning. Dr. Ruelas joins 20 other Senior Fellows, including Lord Nigel Crisp, the former Chief Executive of the

United Kingdom's National Health Service. Dr. Ruelas will develop other professional projects and commitments in Mexico while serving as a Senior Fellow.

IHI's work to improve health care has expanded to reach five continents – with ongoing initiatives in Ghana, Malawi, South Africa, England, Scotland, Wales, Sweden, Denmark, and the United States, and partnerships in New Zealand, India and Latin America. IHI is a founding member and the nucleus of the Latin American Consortium for Innovation, Quality and Safety in Health (CLICSS), which works to align various organizations toward improving the quality and safety of health care.

***About IHI:***

*The Institute for Healthcare Improvement ([www.IHI.org](http://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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