

# KELSEY RESEARCH FOUNDATION

FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

## **9th Annual Health Services and Outcomes Research Conference: Understanding the Research and Policy Agendas to Improve the Quality of Healthcare**

December 3, 2008

8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Houston Medical Center Marriott, 6580 Fannin, Houston, Texas

### **Conference History & Purpose**

In 2000, the Kelsey Research Foundation initiated a Health Services and Outcomes Research Conference in Houston, Texas to provide a forum for healthcare providers and health services researchers to review programs and policies designed to improve health status and the quality of medical care. The conference objectives are to:

- Disseminate health services research findings on the key components of quality of care.
- Foster collaborative health services research projects among research and medical care institutions in Texas.
- Demonstrate the application of health services research findings in clinical practice and community settings.

The conference is designed to connect the fields of health services research and medical practice. Presenters and attendees include health services researchers, healthcare executives, quality improvement directors, health care professionals and consumers. Past conferences have fostered collaborative partnerships and led to funded research projects to improve the quality of healthcare. The keynote speaker is:

### **Michael Halpern, M.D., Ph.D.**

Senior Health Scientist, Health, Social and Economics Research Division  
Research Triangle Institute  
Washington, D.C.

*“Insurance, Race/Ethnicity, and Barriers to Care for Individuals with Cancer”*

### **Call For Abstracts**

The Kelsey Research Foundation invites all individuals with an interest in innovative research on healthcare to submit abstracts for poster presentation. Poster presentations will focus on the six major components of quality of care:

**Effectiveness, Efficiency, Equity, Patient Safety, Timeliness of Care and Patient-Centered Care**

Abstract selection criteria include the research study’s quality and relevance to the topic areas. *Authors will be notified of the committee’s decision by October 9, 2008.* Presenters will be required to accompany their poster for one hour during the conference. Awards will be presented for the best posters in each of the six topic areas.

### **Instructions for Submitting Abstracts**

- Abstract title in upper case letters
- Authors’ names, titles, affiliations, and email addresses
- Note the presenting author with an asterisk
- Indicate which of the topic areas that your abstract best fits
- Organize the abstract by objectives, methods, results and conclusions
- Limit the abstract to no more than 250 words
- Double space the abstract using 11-point font or larger
- Submit the abstract electronically by *October 3, 2008*, to Michelle Norton, administrator for the abstract review committee at: [Michelle.Norton@kelsey-seybold.com](mailto:Michelle.Norton@kelsey-seybold.com).