September 19, 2008 – “The Future of Employer Sponsored Health Insurance” by Michael A. Morrisey, Ph.D., Professor in the Department of Health Care Organization and Policy at the University of Alabama Birmingham. Dr. Morrisey is a highly respected health services researcher, best known for his studies of health insurance, especially employer sponsored health insurance. He is the author of the highly acclaimed book *Health Insurance*, which is widely adopted for classroom use in health services management education programs. **HPNP Complex, Room G101, 11:45 a.m.-12:35 p.m.**

September 26, 2008 – “Do Medicare Beneficiaries Have Too Much Choice?: An Examination of Stand-Alone Drug Plans” by Thomas Rice, Ph.D., Professor of Health Services and Vice Chancellor for Academic Personnel at UCLA. Since receiving the new investigator award from AcademyHealth in 1988, Dr. Rice has been among the most highly regarded health economist/health services researchers. In 2005, he received an Investigator Award in Health Policy Research, a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. **HPNP Complex, Room G101, 11:45 a.m.-12:35 p.m.**

October 3, 2008 – “Medicare: A Building Block for Health Reform” by Karen Davis, Ph.D., President of The Commonwealth Fund. As chief executive of one of the nation’s most important health and health care philanthropies, Dr. Davis is a critical voice in our ongoing health policy conversations. Her own area of expertise is health insurance coverage. Dr. Davis received the Distinguished Investigator Award from AcademyHealth in 2006. She was elected to the Institute of Medicine in 1975. **HPNP Complex, Room G101, 11:45 a.m.-12:35 p.m.**

October 10, 2008 – “Scientific Evidence and Improving the Quality of Health Care” by Donald M. Steinwachs, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Health Policy and Management and Director of the Health Services Research and Development Center at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health. Dr. Steinwachs is a preeminent health services researcher, best known for his contributions to studies of quality, including his leading role in the Institute of Medicine Board on Health Care Services. **HPNP Complex, Room G101, 11:45 a.m.-12:35 p.m.**

October 20, 2008 – “Becoming Frail: Evidence from the Hispanic Established Populations Epidemiologic Studies in the Elderly” by Kenneth J. Ottenbacher, Ph.D., O.T.R., Russell Shearn Moody Distinguished Chair; Professor and Director, division of rehabilitation sciences, University of Texas Medical Branch. Dr. Ottenbacher is also Director of the World Health Organization Collaborating Center on Aging and Health and is Associate Director for the Sealy Center on Aging. His research interests include rehabilitation outcomes with a focus on functional assessment, disability and frailty in older adults. **HPNP Complex, Room G101, 4-5 p.m.**

November 7, 2008 – “Overcoming Healthcare Disparities: The Role of Patient-Centered Care” by Lisa A. Cooper, M.D., M.P.H., Professor of Medicine, Epidemiology, and Health Policy and Management at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Cooper’s contributions to the literature on diversity, disparities and cultural competence are renowned. Her research links patient and clinician attitudes and behaviors with health outcomes. She was named a Harold Amos Scholar by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and received a MacArthur Fellowship in 2007. **Sponsored by the UF Area Health Education Centers program. HPNP Complex, Room G101, 11:45 a.m.-12:35 p.m.**

November 14, 2008 – “Medical Devices: Regulation, Reimbursement and Research” by Deborah A. Freund, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of Public Administration in the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. Dr. Freund directed one of the early research centers focused on clinical outcomes/effectiveness (in her case studying knee replacement therapies) at Indiana University. Her interests include economic issues in the use of durable medical equipment and devices. **HPNP Complex, Room G101, 11:45 a.m.-12:35 p.m.**

November 21, 2008 – “The Future of Disability in America” by Alan M. Jette, Ph.D., Professor of Health Policy and Management, Boston University School of Public Health and Director, Boston University Health and Disability Research Institute. Dr. Jette is an internationally recognized expert in the measurement and epidemiology of functional limitations and disability. He recently chaired the Institute of Medicine’s study, *The Future of Disability in America.* **HPNP Complex Auditorium, 2-3 p.m.**

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