

**Center for Health Care Research and Policy
Case Western Reserve University at
MetroHealth Medical Center**

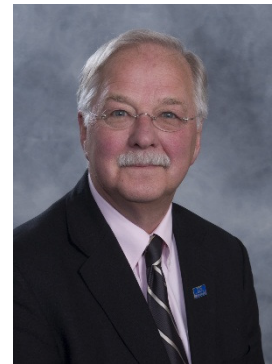
**Regionwide Work...Nationwide Impact
Entering our Third Decade**



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To the Community:

In July, 2014, the *Center* began its third decade as our region's leader in research and teaching in health care delivery and health policy. Never in our history have we faced such transformational changes. The *Center* is helping to inform these changes at local, state and national levels. We view Northeast Ohio as a learning laboratory for research and training, recognizing the national relevance of regional challenges and opportunities. Even as health care competition gets stiffer during this transition phase, we serve as a catalyst for collaboration. We bring together students, scholars, and community leaders to conduct cutting-edge multidisciplinary research and policy-relevant programs to improve the value of health care in Northeast Ohio. Our internationally recognized work is supported by The MetroHealth System and a broad array of federal and foundation grants.



Training the Next Generation, Spawning New Programs. Our faculty advise post-doctoral trainees enrolled in CWRU degree programs in clinical and health policy research, including programs of the regionwide NIH-sponsored Clinical and Translational Science Collaborative (CTSC). We take pride in training the next generation of innovative scholars, each year serving as advisers for more than 40 trainees.

Community-facing programs spawned and supported by the *Center* illustrate how the *Center* catalyzes collaboration. These include the CWRU Center for Reducing Health Disparities, Better Health *Greater Cleveland*, the Northern Ohio Trauma System (NOTS), the Cleveland HIV Health Information Project (CHHIP), and the CDC-sponsored REACH program to reduce health disparities in Greater Cleveland. All of these programs bring competitors together to improve health and the value of health care in the region.



Region-wide Learning Collaborative, Better Health Greater Cleveland 2013

Results and Recognition. A sampling of recent accomplishments include:

- Coverage by National Public Radio's Marketplace of *MetroHealth Care Plus*, a Medicaid waiver program that provided health insurance for over 28,000 county residents. Conceived by Senior Scholar John Corlett and analyzed by *Center* faculty, *MHCP* brought safety net organizations together and documented unparalleled improvements in care during 2013 - at costs 25% below a cost neutral expenditure cap.
- Receiving the 2012 Kenneth Arrow Award ("Best Paper") from the International Health Economics Association for work that explains why employers pay more for health insurance than they should. Center members Randy Cebul and health economists Mark Votruba and Jim Rebitzer collaborated in this important research, supported by a 2005 CWRU Presidential Research Initiative grant for cross-disciplinary collaboration.
- Supporting innovative region-wide initiatives to bring clinical care together with public resources for health - including Cleveland's Municipal Schools and Recreation Centers.
- Since 2010, the Northern Ohio Trauma System (NOTS) has:
 - Established collaborations with EMS and 14 Northern Ohio hospitals that documented reductions in trauma-patient deaths by 38.6 percent in Cuyahoga and surrounding counties.
- Since 2008, Better Health *Greater Cleveland* has:
 - Reported care for almost 70% of Cuyahoga County patients with chronic medical conditions.
 - Increased by more than 9,000 the number of Cleveland-area patients whose diabetes is well controlled and by 25,000 the number whose hypertension is well controlled.
 - Reduced preventable cardiovascular hospitalizations by more than 2,000 -- saving more than \$13 million in health care costs between 2009-2011.
 - Received the Maurice Saltzman Award of the Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation "for work of national importance to the health interests of the community".
 - Received "Best Paper" awards from the American and International Medical Informatics Associations for documenting that using electronic health records improve care.

Redesigning the Future. We view the transformative changes in health care as exciting opportunities to redesign the future and reinvest in our mission. We already have improved health from primary care to trauma care. We are at the table with the Governor's Office of Health Transformation to redesign health care and approaches to payment statewide. We welcome partners in Northeast Ohio who are stakeholders in making our region a healthier place to live and a better place to do business.

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*Faculty Retreat, CWRU Squire Valleevue Farm,
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