

ABPN's 75th Anniversary Celebration

The future of Board Certification

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ABMS History

1917: First Member Board incorporated (Ophthalmology)

1933: ABMS established

**1934: American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology
Established**

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1991: 24th Member Board is approved (Medical Genetics)

1999: General Competencies established

**2000: Four Components of MOC adopted by all ABMS
Member Boards**

**2006: All Member Boards received approval of their MOC
programs**

2009: All Member Boards initiated MOC programs



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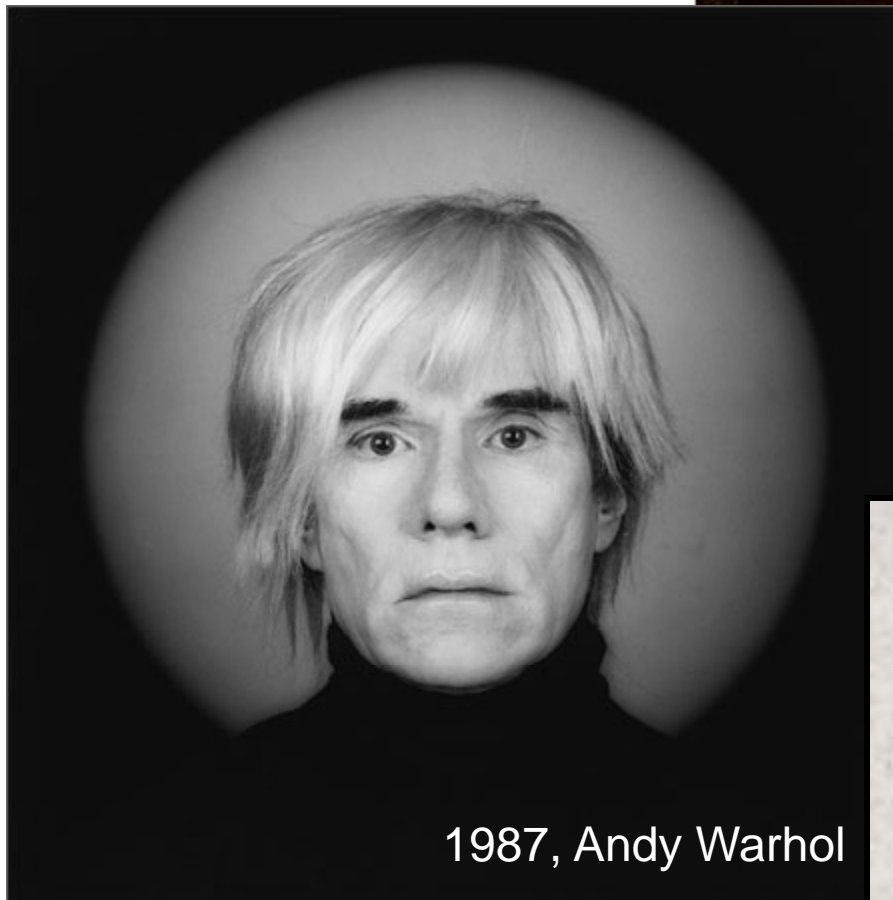
Great tradition of the Board Movement and ABPN

- » A product of the sponsorship of the American Psychiatric Association, the American Neurological Association, and the American Medical Association.
- » A new model of identifying the qualified specialists in psychiatry and neurology
- » And separate the functions of professional self-regulation from education and other member interests.



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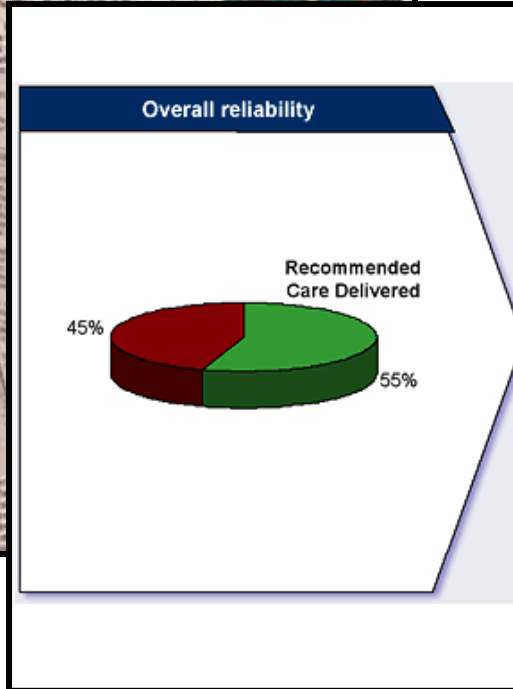
Patients/Public awakening to patient safety



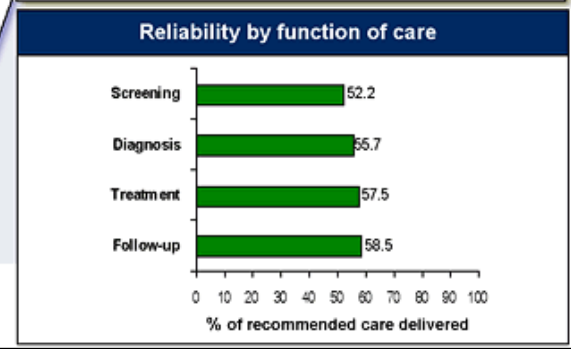
Public awakening to variations in and sub-optimal quality

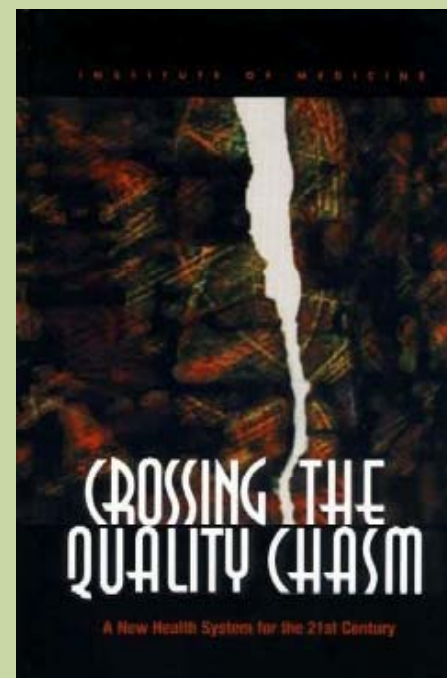
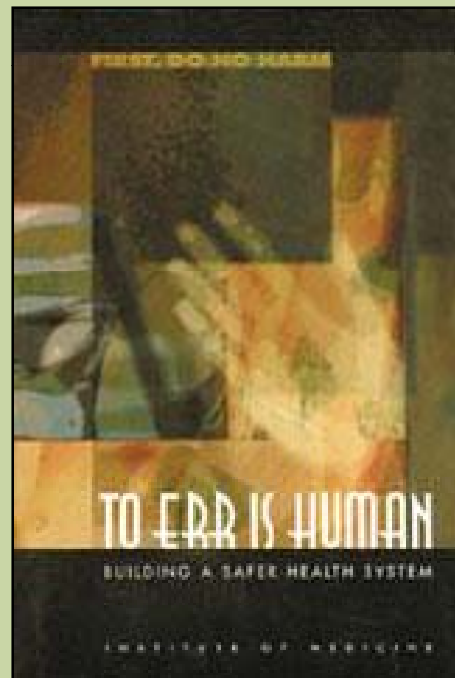


Jack Wennberg, MD

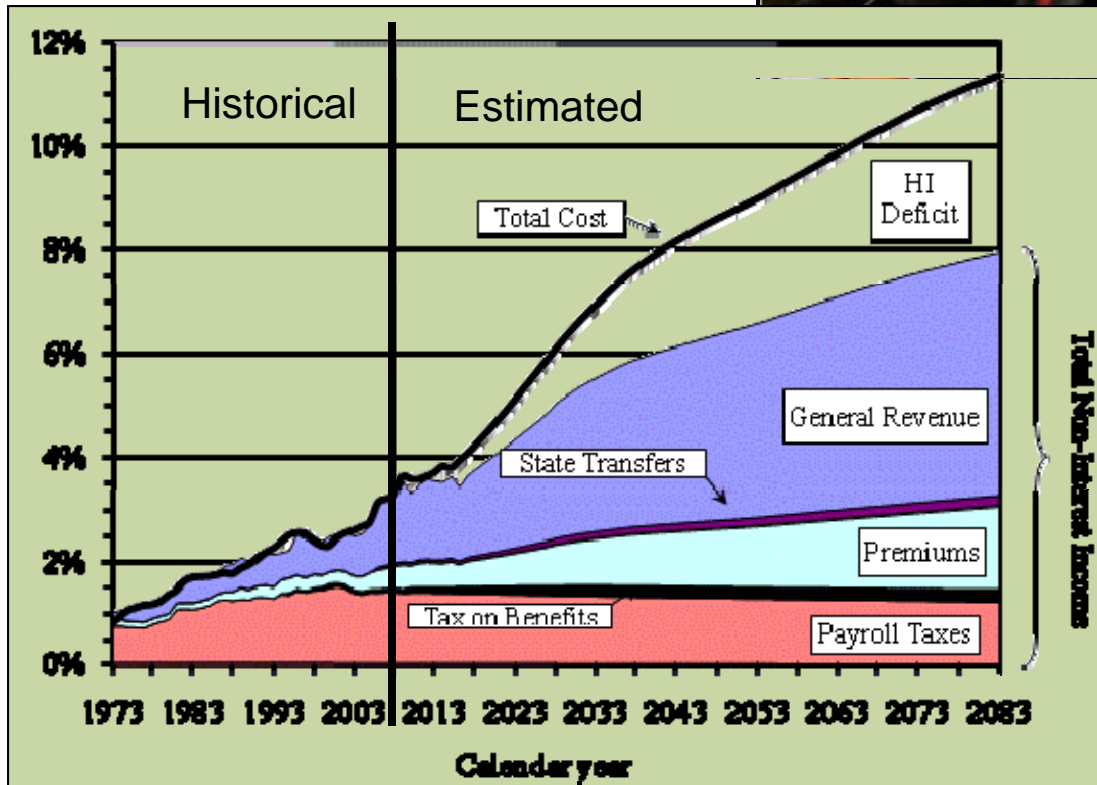


Function of Care	Reliability (%)
Acute	52.2
Chronic	55.7
Preventive	58.5





Health Care Costs out of control



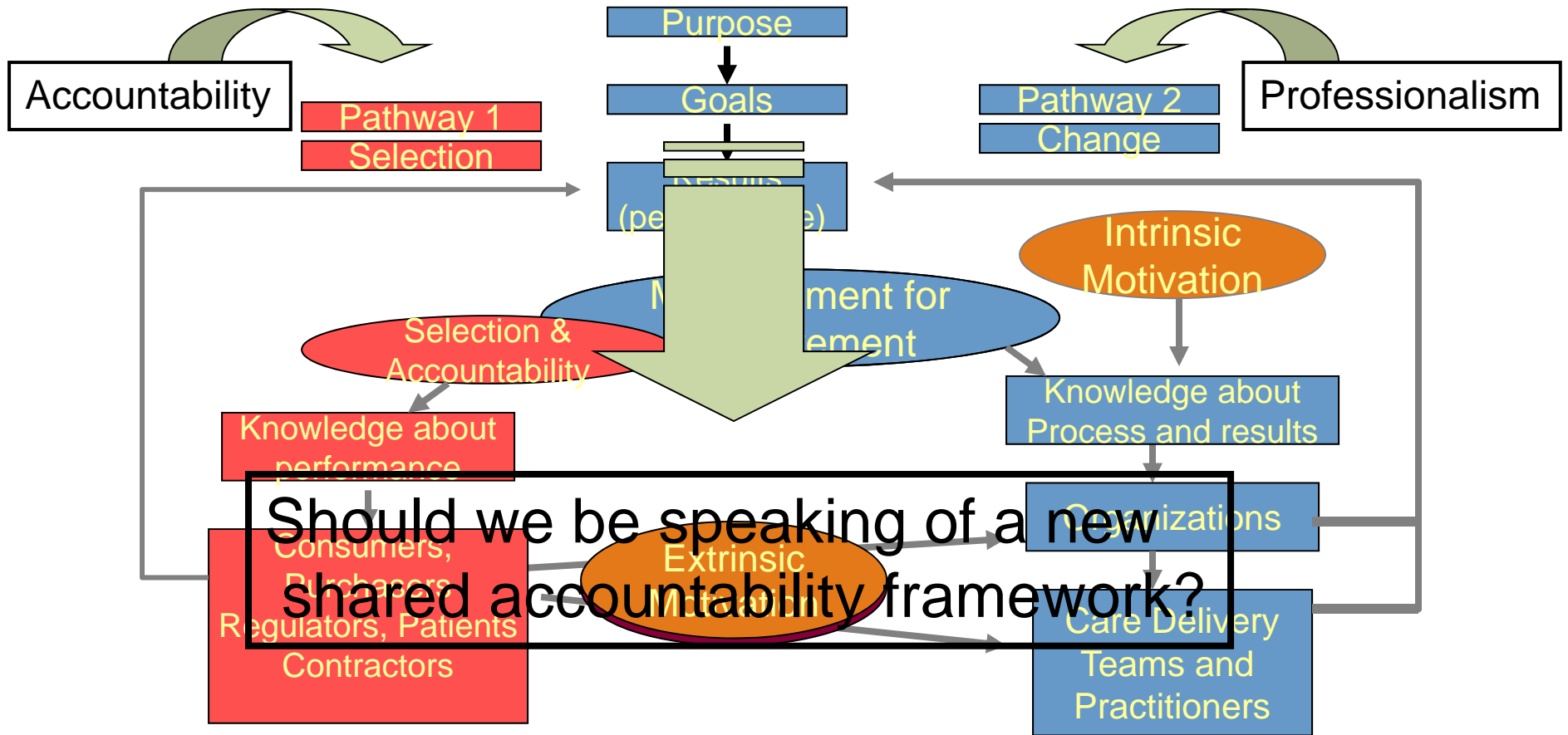
Summary of the 2009 Annual Reports
Social Security and Medicare Board of Trustees



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NQF Two Pathways for Quality Improvement



Adapted from Berwick et al, Medical Care 2003



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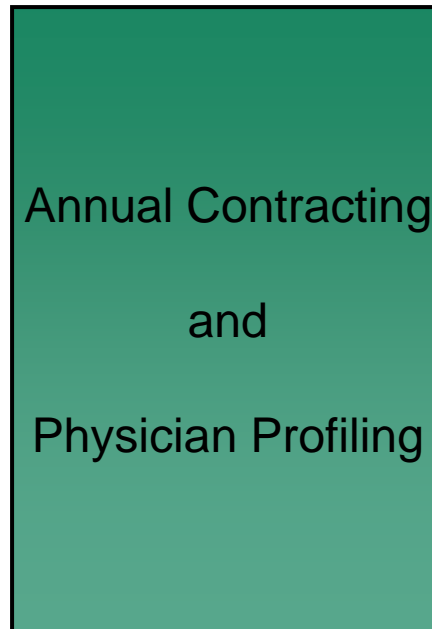
Professional
Accountability

Licensing Boards
Specialty Boards



Purchaser
Accountability

(Purchasers &
Healthplans)



Consumer
Accountability

(Public Reporting)



Healthcare Reform



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Healthcare Reform

- **Health Care Coverage: what is an alternative to the Public Plan**
- **Health Care Financing: including payment reform (bundled payments) and Accountable Care Organizations**
- **Changes in Physician Accountability**



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Publication of Use of Board Certification

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Use of Board Certification and Recertification in Hospital Privileging

Policies for General Surgeons, Surgical Specialists, and Nonsurgical Subspecialists

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Health Plan Use of Board Certification and Recertification of Surgeons and Nonsurgical Subspecialists in Contracting Policies

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Dr. Janet Corrigan, President/CEO, NQF



- » Reported on Recent joint NQF-ABMS Evaluating Physician Performance (EPP) summit
- » Value in Boards taking a leadership role as part of the national quality enterprise
- » Need for Boards to embrace physician issues of physician accountability



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» Four areas for focus

1. Patient centeredness
2. Transparency
3. System-based care
4. Overuse and waste (stewardship of scarce resources)



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Conversation of the BOD

- » The Role (or not) of the Board Enterprise in addressing Physician Accountability
- » The Role (or not) of enhanced public engagement in ABMS



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Professional Accountability

Licensing Boards
Specialty Boards

License Renewal
Board Certification
Renewal

Purchaser Accountability

(Purchasers &
Healthplans)

Annual Contracting
and
Physician Profiling

Consumer Accountability

(Public Reporting)

Various
Independent
Activities

Health Plan and Consumer reporting

Maintenance of Certification

Maintenance of Licensure*



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The Future

- » ABMS Board Enterprise model of voluntary specialty-based certification will be foundation of credentialing for foreseeable future
- » Unclear relevance the ABMS Board Enterprise model will be for improving health care quality and patient safety (value to public).
- » Unclear how much value we provide the diplomates if we are not aligned with physician accountability movement

In conclusion:

- » **We can enjoy 75+ years of success at improving the quality of care in the US.**
- » **Time to applaud the Member Board efforts to date on MOC**
- » **However the path for self-regulation is evolving with new public demands--perhaps to shared-regulation**
- » **So its time to celebrate, but only for a evening as the journey to secure self-regulation for our profession is uncertain, and the stakes for the public trust are great.**

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