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## **American College of Physicians President Attending Today's White House Health Care Summit**

Jeffrey P. Harris, MD, FACP, available for press inquiries and reaction after summit

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The president of the American College of Physicians (ACP), Jeffrey P. Harris, MD, FACP, will be available after the White House Summit to provide his perspective on the day's proceedings.

He also will be ready to elaborate on ACP's record of proposing evidence-based solutions to the problems in U.S. health care. He is prepared to talk about ACP's pledge to work with the Administration - and members of Congress from both political parties to:

- Design and implement non-partisan proposals to assure that every American has access to affordable coverage,
- Rebuild the primary care workforce in the United States,
- Reform Medicare physician payments to link payments to performance and accountability and to reward prevention, care coordination and primary care rather than volume-based, episodic care,
- Bring the benefits of electronic health records to every physician and patient,
- Redesign the health care delivery system to focus on prevention and care coordination,
- Leverage the enormous potential benefits of research on comparative effectiveness to inform clinical decision-making at the point of care.

ACP will distribute a news release after the summit summarizing Dr. Harris' perspectives of the Summit.

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The American College of Physicians is the largest medical specialty organization and the second-largest physician group in the United States. ACP members include 126,000 internal medicine physicians (internists), related subspecialists, and medical students. Internists specialize in the prevention, detection and treatment of illness in adults.