

## **National Health Council Announces New Board Members and Officers**

WASHINGTON, DC (Dec. 22, 2010) – The National Health Council (NHC) has selected its officers and new Board members for 2011. The new officers are as follows:

### Chairperson

John H. Klippel, MD, President and Chief Executive Officer  
Arthritis Foundation  
Atlanta, Georgia

### Chairperson-elect

Larry Hausner, Chief Executive Officer  
American Diabetes Association  
Alexandria, Virginia

### Vice Chairperson

LaVarne A. Burton, President and Chief Executive Officer  
American Kidney Fund  
Rockville, Maryland

### Treasurer

Dan Leonard, President  
National Pharmaceutical Council  
Reston, Virginia

### Secretary

Jack Lewin, MD, Chief Executive Officer  
American College of Cardiology  
Washington, DC

The membership of the NHC also elected the following individuals to its Board of Directors:

### Randy Beranek, President and CEO

National Psoriasis Foundation  
Portland, Oregon

### LaVarne A. Burton, President and Chief Executive Officer

American Kidney Fund  
Rockville, Maryland

### John J. Castellani, President and CEO

Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association  
Washington, DC

Nina M. Hill, Ph.D., Vice President, Public Affairs for Oncology  
Pfizer Inc  
New York, New York

Eric Racine, PharmD, MBA, Vice President, Advocacy  
sanofi-aventis  
Bridgewater, New York

John R. Seffrin, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer  
American Cancer Society  
Atlanta, Georgia

Stephen J. Ubl, President and CEO  
Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed)  
Washington, DC

In the coming year, the priority issues for NHC will include

- Providing the patient voice on health care delivery and payment system reform.
- Working with the various federal offices to define essential health benefits, which are required under the health care reform law
- Supporting comparative effectiveness research and the work of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute
- Encouraging sustained funding for federal health programs and health research
- Creating incentives for the development of new treatments for people with chronic conditions

*The National Health Council (NHC) is the only organization of its kind that brings together all segments of the health care community to provide a united voice for the more than 133 million people with chronic diseases and disabilities and their family caregivers.*

*Made up of more than 100 national health-related organizations and businesses, the NHC's core membership includes approximately 50 of the nation's leading patient advocacy groups, which control its governance. Other members include professional and membership associations, nonprofit organizations with an interest in health, and major pharmaceutical, medical device, health insurance, and biotechnology companies. To learn more about the NHC, visit its website at [www.nationalhealthcouncil.org](http://www.nationalhealthcouncil.org).*