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Accelerate Cure/Treatments for Alzheimer's Disease

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Meryl Comer

Meryl Comer is an Emmy-award winning reporter, producer, moderator, and talk show host with more than 30 years of experience in broadcast journalism. She was among the first woman broadcasters to specialize in business news as it relates to public policy. For 18 years, Ms. Comer wrote and moderated *It's Your Business*, the nationally syndicated debate program on economic, business, and political issues that aired weekly on 140 network affiliates and independent stations. Ms. Comer has also served as Senior Vice President for the National Chamber Foundation, and as Vice President for Communications Development at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Her board affiliations include the National Foundation for the Advancement in the Arts and the National Women's Economic Alliance Foundation. Ms. Comer was also a recipient of the 2005 Shriver "Profiles in Diversity" Award.

Daniel Perry

Daniel Perry is the Executive Director of the non-profit organization *Alliance for Aging Research* in Washington, D.C., which is the nation's leading citizen advocacy organization dedicated to promoting a broad agenda of medical and behavioral research to improve the health and independence of older Americans. Mr. Perry's background spans a wide range of health policy, governmental, political and journalistic experience, and he has previously held staff positions for more than a dozen years on Capitol Hill, including acting as special assistant to the Majority Whip of the U.S. Senate. He was also named as an advisor to the White House Conference on Aging by President Clinton, and is a frequent speaker on the topics of aging research, public policy, and business as he is widely published on these subjects. As a journalist, he was the recipient of many awards and citations, including a nomination for the Pulitzer Prize.

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Robert Goldberg, Ph.D.

Dr. Robert Goldberg is co-founder, Vice President and Director of Programs for the Center for Medicine in the Public Interest (CMPI), a non-profit educational charity dedicated to the diagnosis and treatment of diseases at lower costs. Prior to founding CMPI, he was a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute working on research and activities surrounding these analogous healthcare issues. Dr. Goldberg's current research interests include the impact of price controls on biopharmaceutical innovation, FDA reform, the future impact of medical progress and new medical technologies, among others. He is also the author of numerous articles and pharmacoeconomic reports including "Vaccinating Against Disaster," "False Economy on Drugs," "Importation Nightmare," and "Fight AIDS With Reason, Not Rhetoric." Given his expertise in and commitment to increasing diagnosis and treatment accessibility, Dr. Goldberg has testified before the Senate Special Committee on Aging, the Senate Small Business Committee, and the House Commerce Committee. He has also written articles for *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *National Review Online*, and *The Weekly Standard*, and is regularly featured in *The Washington Times*.

John Vernon, Ph.D.

Dr. John Vernon is an Assistant Professor in the Finance Department at the University of Connecticut School of Business, where he currently teaches courses in finance, risk management and insurance, decision analysis, and computer-based simulation modeling. His research, which focuses on pricing and investment behavior in the pharmaceutical industry, has been featured in publications such as *The Journal of Law and Economics*, *Southern Economic Journal*, *Health Economics*, *Health Care Management Science*, and *The International Journal of Healthcare Finance and Economics, and Regulation*. Dr. Vernon is also a Faculty Research Fellow with the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER).

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