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JSM Keynote Speakers to Address Future of Health Care

Sessions at the Joint Statistical Meetings will address health care considerations and reform based on statistical research and analysis

ALEXANDRIA VA (PRWEB) JUNE 16, 2008 – Health care will be the focus of two major keynote addresses at the 2008 Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM), the American Statistical Association (ASA) announced today. In addition, some 150 sessions at JSM will discuss statistical research and analysis in the areas of health, medicine, pharmaceuticals, and related topics. JSM, the world's largest annual gathering of statisticians, will convene at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, August 3–7.

“Health Care Considerations for the Millennium” will be presented by **Mark B. McClellan**, MD, PhD, senior fellow and director of the Engelberg Center for Health Care Reform, who holds the Leonard D. Schaeffer Director's Chair in Health Policy Studies at the Brookings Institution. McClellan will deliver the **American Statistical Association President's Invited Address** on Monday, August 4, at four pm. McClellan has served two presidential administrations as administrator for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, commissioner of the FDA, member of the President's Council of Economic Advisors, senior director for health care policy at the White House, and deputy secretary of the Office of Economic Policy at the U.S. Treasury.

“Inference and Improvement in Health Care,” the **ASA Deming Lecture**, will be delivered on Tuesday, August 5 at four pm, by **Donald M. Berwick**, MD, MPP, president and CEO of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement. Berwick also is a clinical professor of pediatrics and health care policy in the Department of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School and professor of health policy and management in the Harvard School of Public Health. He is an adjunct staff member in the Department of Medicine at Boston's Children's Hospital and a consultant in pediatrics at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Biographies of all speakers, as well as presentation dates and times, are available at <http://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2008/index.cfm?fuseaction=keynotespeakers>.

JSM is held jointly with the American Statistical Association (ASA), the International Biometric Society (ENAR and WNAR), the Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS), and the Statistical Society of Canada. More than 5,000 statisticians from government, industry and academia are expected to attend the 2008 JSM, which features a range of activities, including more than 2,500 presentations, panels, roundtables, poster presentations, and continuing education courses. There also is an exhibit hall (with state-of-the-art statistical products and opportunities); a career placement service; society, section and committee meetings; and social and networking opportunities.

Complete program and registration information for the 2008 JSM is available at the JSM web site at <http://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2008/index.cfm>.

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