

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

“Lessons on Coverage from Abroad: How do the Dutch, German and Swiss Health Care Systems Do it?”

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THOMAS BJÖRN ZELTNER, MD, MPH, is the Swiss secretary of state for health and director-general of the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health. Since taking office in 1991, Dr. Zeltner has lead national efforts to protect and promote the health of the Swiss population and to provide fair access to health services under a mandatory health insurance system in his country. Under his leadership, many new initiatives and programs have been designed to strengthen the Federal Office of Public Health in its mission to protect and promote public health. Dr. Zeltner has presided over changes to transform the regulated market model of the Swiss health care sector into a more value and consumer driven health care system. He has also led the national response to the threats of infectious diseases and has drafted a new law on disease prevention. He reformed medical studies in Switzerland (2007) and strengthened Switzerland's position as a leading nation in biomedical research. As secretary of state for health, Dr. Zeltner regularly represents Switzerland in the international arena. In 2008, the Swiss Government charged him with the task of negotiating a comprehensive health agreement between Switzerland and the European Union. He was a member and vice-director of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization (1999-2002) and has chaired numerous international committees. He graduated with an M.D. and a master’s degree in law from the University of Bern.